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them over.

BY TELEGRAPH.

EASTERN SITUATION.

United States Not a Factor, But Elijah May Have to Join Other Nations.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The rapid moveto be the absorbing topic of discussion in diplomatic circles here, particularly at emhassies and legations of powers which are aligning for an apparent struggle for Obinese territory There is no further talk of the United States as a possible factor in the contest as a recent understanding at a cabinet meeting is accepted as removing this government from the field of controversy At the same time an emminent authority on international affairs said today that the situation might develope when the United States would be called upon to go much further than to protest American interests at treaty ports sn China.

This situation would come, he said, if the scramble for Chinese territory went the to the extent of the extinction of China hand-made paper. Among the to the extent of the extinction of China writers are: Conan Doyle, George and the complete absorption of the old Eliot, Dickens, Hall Caine, Anthony | empire by foreign nations. Such was the apparent drift of the present movements he s: i , and if it became a reality, then conditions would arise similar to the extermination of Poland, which had estab ished a procedent in international affairs. Following that precedent, if China was to be absorbed, it would be a question which the United States in common with all nations of the world must take cognizance of Until this final movement occurred it was

est in the fencing of European nation ment of events in the far east continues | and Japan for coaling stations and ports on the Asiatic coast. In the meantime however, diplomats are much concerned in the movements of their respective governments.

> Is Not to Resign. Washington, Dec. 29.—Secretary Gage, on his return from New York, was questione as to the truth of the published tion to the president, who had firmly declimed it with many expressions of confidence and appreciation of his ability as shown in his administration of the treas-ury department. Mr. Gage was not inclined to discuss the matter at length, but said that he had not tendered his

resignation, nor had he any reason to believe that he and the president were

not in substantial accord on the great

questions now before the country.

The report, he said, probably sprang from a lemark he had made to intimate friends, to the effect that not for anything would be carbarrass the president, and if he saw that he was doing this he would resign at once. He added: "A calinet officer ought always to be and is ready to surrender his office at the call of his chief the executive, but I have not the slightest tenson to believe that such action on my part is even remotely desired by the president. The desires of other people in that direction I am not disposed to consider."

FOR ALLEGED ARSON.

Springfield Hotel-keeper in Trouble at Boston.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 29.—George R. Hodgdon, proprietor of the Trement hotel here and the Haynes house in Springfield, Mass., who was arrested in the latter place last night on a charge alleging complicity in the attempted burning of the Hotel Tontine in this city Christmas morning, was brought into police court this morning to-gether with Frederick Cook, who was arrested in Boston yesterday. The charge against the two men was arson-Neither was arraigned, their appearance before Judge Dow being for the purpose of fixing bail. The amount was fixed at \$5000 in each case, Mr. Hodgedon succeeded in furnishing bail but Cook went to jail. The cases were assigned for trial on next Monday. Cook is said to have made a confession stating that Hodgedon, who formerly owned the Tontine, had paid him \$60 to set the hotel on fire. Mr. Hodgedon protests his entire innocence, and says that Cook story is a lie.

Wall Street Swindler.

New York, Dec. 29 .- A warrant is out for the arrest of Henry Oliver Goldsmith one of the best known men on Wall street, charging him with grand larceny in the first degree in appropriating a check for \$3000 and the property of Oscar Weissner of Brooklyn, N. Y., police say Goldsmith has got away with half a million by practices similar to those of E. S. Dean & Co. and that his victims number thousands is New Jersey, Pensylvania and Massachusetts. Goldsmith and a man named Webster operated under the name of Hoyt & Co. It is claimed that Goldsmith is one of the slickest swindlers in the country.

Coldest Weather.

Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 29.-The ther-MVN Braman. mometer today dropped to nine degrees below zero at North Creek; 10 below at Saratoga; 12 below at Rouse's Point and 15 degrees below at Blue Mountain Lake

rachs Acquitted

Middletown, Conn., Dec. 29.—Herman Sachs, charged with murder in the first degree in the alleged shooting of Bert-rand T. Hotchkiss in Killingworth Aug. 27, has been acquitted. The jurous were out exactly three hours.

When the verdict of not gullty was announced, Attorney Calef opened the prisoner's stand, which permitted Sachs to walk out a free man. His sister at the Holidays has passed once embraced him, and the liberated man for the first time since his arrest give some thought to showed symptoms of nervousness.

you require a Suit, an hallot stood seven for acquittal and five for conviction, on the second bal-Overcoat or trousers, lot eight favored acquittal, with four for conviction, and the third ballot showed another gain for acquittal, it markdown bargains and standing nine to three. There was not much delay after the third ballot before

a large quantity of the closing argument for the defense. goods at about one- During his remarks he most scathingty fourth less than their denounced Mrs. Hotchkiss, the wife of the murdered man, who was in the courtreal value. Also a complete line of men's furnishing goods for furnishing goods for was fired from the bedroom door and not less than cost. Look through the window, as claimed by the state. "Who committed this murder?" state. "Who committed this murser:"
continued the lawyer. "Who got angry
hen asked about it? It was Mrs.
Hotchkiss, and she finally placed the blame on Sachs because suspicion fell to him "

WILL KEEP THE BOND.

Secretary Gage Has No Intention of Resigning.

Banking Bill Not to Be Wholly Satisfactory to

New England.

Indianapolis, Dec. 29,-Five hundred representatives of the Republican party of Indiana, outside of Indianapolis, attended a conference yesterday. The meeting was for talk and little else. The chief speakers were Senator Fairbanks and Governor Mont. Senator Fairbanks expressed the belief that the Dingley law would eventually bring prosperity equalled only by the Mc Linley law itself, and would soon yield sufficient



On the subject of currency reform the Republican party intended to keep fai., to preserve the gold standard unimpaired. "I saw the president but a day before coming here," said Mr. Fair-banks, "and he said during our interview: 'I am going to keep the bend. I am going to vindicate the sound money

CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS

plank in the St. Louis platform.' At the coming session of congress the currency question will be in debate.
Whether we can pass through the senate any measure that will commend itself to the conservative judgment of the people I cannot say. Neither can I fore-tell what will be the result of the issue, for unfortunately we have a majority only in the house. But I do believe the people will give us credit for an honest

The unanimity of the party in the state on the proposition that the currency must be reformed was a surprise to a good many attending the conference.

determined effort, and that effort they

will surely witness.

Eix Were Rilled. Hallfax, N. S., Dec. 23.—A special disatch from Bermuda reports a terrible eccident at sea on the ship Vanloo, in which six lives were lost. The Vanloo, which is on a voyage from Cardiff to St. John, N. B., has put in there with loss

On the 20th inst. the Vanloo's foreyards suddenly parted and fell to the deck with a crash. A number of men were at work in the rigging at the time and others were on deck immediately below. Of the nine who were carried down by the falling yard, or were struck when it descended, three were instantly killed and others who took chances of escaping by jumping into the sea were drowned Only the day before this ac-cident out of the crew met a terrible death by failing from aleft to the deck.

The chip Vanloe belongs to Yarmouth, st.mated at \$30,000.

BY TELEGRAPH. LABOR LEGISLATION.

Morse Denounces the Labor Leaders--Fall River

Conferences.

Elijah Morse of Canton has a letter in The Journel today upon labor legislation in the light of its bearing on the cutdown in wages of textile operatives. He says: "I think it is high time for the legislature of Massachusetts to call a halt on what is known as labor legislation. These labor agitators, for the most part, are a set of demagogues, and the only work they do is that which they do with their mouths. They toil not, neither do they spin. They have hampered the manufacturers of this state by onerous and vexatious legisla-tion—by unreasonable restriction of hours of labor of women and minors in our factories and by a burdensome em-

insurance society for every person that is in their employ, not only from acts of their own carelessness, but from the carelessness of their employes. "The laws limiting the hours that women may spend in our factories work a great hardship, not only on the manufacturers, but upon the working people themselves. We have for years had women employed in our establishment who would be glad to work more hours than the law allows, but the Massachu-setts law steps in and forbids them from doing so. We are obliged to discharge them from the factory when the limit of

ployers' liability act which makes every

manufacturer and employer of labor an

hours is reached. "I go farther and say that it is not only the duty of the legislature to call a halt on this legislation, but it is the duty of the legislature to repeal some of the existing labor laws in this state, at least until other states shall have passed similar restrictions. The laboring peo-ple themselves are the greatest sufferers President to Vindicate Party's Plank the manufacturer out of Massachusetts and out of New England. They are killing the goose that lays the golden egg. We have in Massachusetts a rocky, sterile oil. We have an inhospitable climate. We can only earn our

bread by our manufactories, and a blow at them is a blow at the life of the state. "The action of the cotton manufacturers in reducing the pay of their employes is founded not on a theory, but on a condition which is likely to extend to other industries. Laws regulating hours of labor and laws regulating the liability of employers should be made national laws by constitutional amendment, so

Ran Out of Rations.

New York, Dec. 29.—The British bark Englehorn, which has just arrived at

South Brooklyn from Boston, ran short of previsions and water on her trip of

203 days from Cebu in the Philippines.

Then she was caught in bad weather off

Cape Cod. The fishing schooner Isaac

tence, which read that the hig vessel

was out of rations. The smack stood by and answered that she would furnish as

much food and water as she could spare to the starving Englishmen. Captain

Shimmin wanted to pay the skipper for

the food. "No, str," said the Massachusetts captain, emphatically. "I am an

American seaman and always ready to

Out of the Way.

Hopkins, a negro who murdered two white men Christmas day at Glendora,

was captured by a posse on the James plantation near Swan lake. He fought

like a demon before being taken into cus

tody. It was found that he had been

shot in three places. He was not fatally

injured, however, and was taken to the

captors to make quick work of him. A rope was at once placed about his neck

and he was hanged to a tree. The body

was then risidled with bullets and left hanging. Hopkins' record was a very

bad one, many recent crimes being at-

Wrong Man Accused.

New York, Dec. 29.—Startling develop-

ments come to light in connection with the murder of Natale Brogno, the crime

for which Angelo Carbone is now await-

is now claimed on the strength of the

statement of several persons that the

man who killed Brogno is not Carbone, but Alexander Claramello, who is Car-bone's cousin. He was last heard from

Gunboats Fired On

London, Dec. 29.—The Athens correspondent of The Daily Chronicle says:

"As the Greek gumboats were leaving the gulf of Ambracia they were fired on a

second time by all the Prevesa forts. The

parrison, which was out lining the quay,

also fired repeated volleys, though no damage was done. This action, after Turkey had apologized, is supposed to be

intended to create a precedent for clos-

Pilot Boat Seized. Mobile, Ada., Dec. 29.—The Pensacola pilot boat Somners N. Smith was seized

yesterday by the treasury department.

She was not allowed to leave the marine ways until a crew from the Seward in

charge of a lieutement was placed on

board. A gang of negroes was put to work transferring her coal from one

bunker to another in search of contra-

Eelt Six Stories, New York, Dec. 29.—Fire Captain George L. Ross fiell through a skylight

to the cellar of a six-story building. His

Injuries were so severe as to paralyze

his lower limbs. It is thought he is in-

ing execution in Sing Sing prison.

Hopkins confessed and begged his

scene of the crime.

tributed to him.

in Dover, Del.

ing the gulf.

band goods.

Minter City, Miss., Dec. 29.-Joseph

give a helping hand to the needy.'

as to bear on all the states alike. The constant nagging and harrassing of manufacturers by onerous and veratious legislation is a two-edged sword, it not only drives manufacturers out of the state who are already located here, but it prevents new businesses from building and locating here."

At Fall River.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 29.—Secretary Tansy of the Carders' union is the first of the trades union officials to call a meeting for the purpose of considering the cutdown. Immediate action by the other secretaries is looked for, as the order goes into effect next Monday.

The operatives' conference committee was in session two hours last night, after executive committee meetings of the various unions had been held. Secretary O'Donnell gave out the following resolution, which had been unanimously adopted by the committee:
"We, the representatives of the textile

workers, unanimously agree to present to the several textile unions the following resolution for their approval: 'Having done all in our power to prevent a reduction in wages, but knowing full well that a reduction is not a remedy for an over-stocked market, be it

Resolved that we accept the reduction, as it would not be good business policy on our part to enter into a strike at the present time, but we inform our employers that as scom as we think there is a margin of profit sufficient for the restoration of the present wage schedule, we shall demand it, even if we have to go to the extremuty of leaving our em-ployment by soing on strike."

The feeling among the leaders is

strong against the reduction. While the committee offers the resolution to the unions, there is a possibility they will not accept it. The spinners, siashertenders and loom fixers especially talk strike, and there is a possibility that it may be so voted.

The matter of sliding scale, which has been talked of in this city for some years, is brought up anew by the present discussion, and there is a feeling in some quarters, among manufacturers as well as overstween that the meant as well in as operatives, that the present would be a good time for its administration, especially as the operatives now have a committee which is qualified to repre-sent them in conference with the manufacturers The outcome of the talk is all a matter of conjecture.

DALEY'S KNIFE FOUND. The Weapon With Which He Said He Killed His Brother-In-Law.

Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 29.—"For the Me of me I don't recollect of having taken that knife out of the house. I would tell you if I knew where it was, as it Hopkins, from Provincetown for the banks, hove in view. Captain Shimmin of the Englehorn hoisted the code senwon't do me any good now to conceal anything. It must be around the house

These were the words which William Daley used at the police station Tuesday when he was again questioned relative to the disappearance of the weapon with hich he is alleged to have taken the life of his brother-in-law, William Doolan. His story in substance is that he and

his brother-in-law had some words at a wake Sunday evening which aroused their anger. Monday he was feeling pretty well and shortly after noon went home to Doolan's house, where he has lived for many years. Doolan came home shortly afterwards, and both men sat down to dinner in the room off the hallway. While they were eating they resumed their angry words of the night before. Their arguments became heated and ended in a scuffle. They clinched. and during the scuffle they went through the door into the hallway, In their clinch in the hallway the picture was broken and the glass fell upon Daley. His face was cut by the glass, and he also received the scratch under the left The souffle attracted Mrs. Doolan's attention. After the breaking of the picture Daley says he went upstairs to his room while Doolan went back to the dinner table. When he reached his room Daley's story is that he took out his butcher's knife from his trunk and went down stairs again; that the two men met in the room where the trouble sued; that he then left the house.

In court the accused plead guilty and was held for the grand jury. His plea will not affect his future trial, as it is probable that a different plea will be substituted in the upper court. Last evening the knife was found in

Daley's trunk. The blade is one and a quarter inches wide and fully eight inches long, sharpened to a point. Both sides are marked with blood. An autopsy on the body of Doolan showed that the fifth rib was cleanly severed by the blow and that the knife

entered the upper part of the heart.

Dafley, who was taken to Lawrence iail, declared to Assistant Marshal Dean jail, declared to Assistant marshal Dean that he was not sorry that he did the job. Continuing, he said: "I ought to have done it years ago." The defense will probably rely on a plea of insanity.

The net income from operation of the Atchison system for November was \$1,227,**356**, an increase of \$368,656 over the same month of last year. For the five months of the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, he net income of the system from operations was \$4,401,101, an increase of \$200.-241 over the corresponding period of the orecedina vesz.

WEATHER FORECAST.

ternally injured as well. The chief sufferer by the tere is M. A. Merritt, manufacturer of hats and caps, whose loss is

Fair tonight, followed by increasing cloudiness and snow or rain Thursday; warmer, winds shifting to south,

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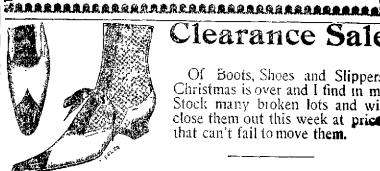
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WILLIAMSTOWN.

A Profitable Clock—A Valued Quilt— Death of Miss Grace Foster -- A Family Lawsuit.

Death of Miss Foster.

The death of Miss Grace Foster, which securred Tuesday at the home of her father, Frank Foster, was not unexpected She had been sick for four months with quick consumption and her decline was so steady and rapid that it was plain to all that the end could not be far distant.

Miss Foster's mother died when she was an infant and she was brought up by her aunt, Mrs. Le Grand Curtis of Hancock, N. Y. She graduated from the Brockport, N. Y., normal school in June, 1895, and had since been engaged in teaching at Audover, N. Y. Last summer she spent a part of her vacation at her father's home in this town, leaving in the latter part of August to take a position in the schools of Gloversville, N. Y. Though never very strong, she appeared to be as well as ever when she went away, but she was taken sick soon after beginning her work in Gloversville and at the end of five weeks she was obliged to return to Williamstown. Medical aid was promptly svalled of and everything possible was done to check the disease which proyed upon her, but all to no avail, strength failed steadily and her suffering rapidly wore her life away. The ministrations of her step_ mother were as constant and tender as those of her own mother could have been, and during the last five weeks she was cheered and comforted by the presemos of her aunt, Mrs. Curtis, who from Miss Foster's early childhood had been to her all that a mother could be. Miss Foster was in her 26th year. She

was a young lady of most estimable sharacter, possessing keen intelligence, a fine education and a friendly and genial disposition which endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. She was a member of the Baptist church at Livenia Station, N. Y., whose members and a large circle of friends there and elsewhere will sincerely regret to learn of ber death.

The funeral will be attended Thursday efternoon from the Methodist church at 2 o'clock, Rev. Edward Wilson officiating and the interment will be in the east

A Valuable Quilt.

Mise Jane Brown, who lives in the Cole block, has a quilt which was pleced by her mother 66 years ago. Miss Brown recently quilted it and it is very handsome. The pattern is a hexigon and all the white sloth is pure linen. The calico pieces are a valuable relic in the form of The London Gazetteer, which was published before the war of the Revolution. A part of the book is gone, including the title page, so it is impossible to tell just how old it is, by the death of Judge Danforth. Mr but the reading matter shows that it was Clark was also appointed to certify to the

issued while the American colonies were still subject to England.

A Family Lawsuit.

A hearing was held at North Adams Monday, before Judge Bixby of Adams as master in chancery, in the case of Mark Reed and wife of this town against John Reed, the father of Mark. The place occupied by John Reed was left by his wife to three children, Mr. Reed having a life lease. Mark Reed has bought one of the other shares and will consequently hold a two-thirds interest in the place on the death of his father. He sues on the ground that the taxes are not kept up and that the place is deterioating in value. The case has been in court two years. At the hearing in North Adams Monday Mark Reed and wife were represented by Lawyer Harrington of Adams, and C. M. Smith of this town was John Reed's counsel. The hearing was adjourned one week and the next sitting will be held in this town.

A Profitable Clock.

E. A. Tallmadge, whose old watch was mentioned in Tuesday's TRANSCRIPT, has a clock that has been in service even longer than the watch. Mr. Tallmadge bought the clock in 1842 and it has been doing good service ever since. The only money he ever laid out on it was 75 cents paid last fall for repairs, and as the clock cost only \$2.25 to begin with it has not been a very expensive time piece.

A. J. Daniels has moved from Spring street to his house on Hoxie avenue which has been occupied by the D. K. E. society. The society will occupy its new house at the opening of the next term. Mr. Daniels rented his other house on Hoxie avenue, in which he was living, to Professor Dale last August.

Mrs. J. M. Morgan and daughter, Miss Cors, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs A. J. Daniels, have returned home.

The Clark chape! Sunday school will enjoy a Christmas tree this evening, and this will wind up the Christmas festivities in the church for this year.

The twenty-five club will hold another social and dance in Severance's hall Friday evening. Porter's orchestra will furnish music.

B. H. Sherman has placed pathtubs in the houses of Joseph Richards and William Moody, and has also equipped Thomas Welch's home with a bathtub

and hot and cold water supply. The committee of arrangements for Gale Hose company's coming ball, held a meeting Tuesday evening to talk over matters in connection with the event.

L. A. Hunt & Son have added a saw pretty patterns and the quilt is highly to their mill equipment and will deal prized by its owner. Miss Brown also has in stove wood in addition to hay, grain, etc.

At a meeting of the trustees of the savings bank W. B. Clark was elected a member of the board to fill the vacancy caused

a member of the investment committee to take the place of John B. Gale, who will go abroad in February for several months.

The Bachelors olub will hold a social and dance in Temperance hall this evening, Porter's orchestra will furnish George B. Waterman and Miss Carrie

correctness of the books of depositors, a

required by law. D. J. Neyland was made

Sabin went to Albany Tuesday night (O attend the wedding of Charles H. Sahin and Miss Mable Whitney, which occurred today.

Mrs. Ed. Blake returned Tuesday to ber home in Canaan, N. Y., after a short visit in town.

Charles Fowler and family of Pittsfield and James Fowler of Springfield have been making a short visit at the home of their father, I. S. Fowler.

The entertainment and Christmas tree at St. John's parish house Tuesday evening passed off very pleasantly and the occasion was much enjoyed by the Sunday school and its friends.

The social to be held this evening by the Congregational Sunday school in the lecture room of the church promises to be a pleasant affair and a large attendance is

D. J. Neyland has been appointed agent of the New England Accident association of Boston for this town and vicinity.

A meeting of the Woman's Relief corps was held Tuesday evening. Mrs. R. B. Harvie of North Adams was present.

SONG OF THE BEGGAR MAID.

The moon is a king with a silver crown.
In the blue, blue sky.
Happy go lucity and low lie down,
Favored by fortune's every frown,
Boggarly maid am I; beggarly maid am I.

A pole monobeam.

Ho lays it gently upon my lip.

Kings may quarrel and kingdoms slip.

Happy I lie and dream; happy I lie and dream. What is his wand with the starry tip?

Here I he through the dear, dear night.

May it linger long!
Every gobin and every sprite,
Happy go heavy and happy go light,
Sings in my dreamland song, sings in my
dreamland song.

Kings may quarred and kings may groan
With a long, long sigh.
Queons may languish and make their moan.
Boggariy maden and all alone,
Happiest queon am I, happiest queon am I.
—A. G. Herbertson in Black and Whits.

The Fatal Spot.

"And where was the man stabbed?" asked the excited lawyer of a physician. "The man was stabbed about an inch

and a half to the left of the medial line and about an inch above the umbilious. was the reply.
"Oh, yes, I understand now. But I thought it was near the town hall."-

London Fun.

The Bank of England employs about 11,000 men and has a salary list, including pensions, of about \$1,500,000

Russian koumiss is made of mare's milk and kept in smoked out leather

The next transit of Venus occurs in

DRAINS EQUAL TO COURAGE. The Cat Rescued, but the Stout Woman

Was Not Satisfie

It was a damp day, but the crow stood and watched the black cat as it mewed plaintively and clung to the trailing vine three stories above the street in iront of a four story brown stone dwelling. A long wire supported the vine, nearly reaching the roof. The cat, in a sportive mood evidently, had climbed the long vine and at the third story stopped, as if fright had paralyzed further efforts. Every minute it mewed, and its appeal for help collected a crowd. A large woman said:

"Why don't some one climb up there and release that cat?"

"Suppose you try it, madam," chirped a dapper little man, who looked upon the affair as a joke.
"Well, if I had your small beft I

would climb that vine. Men never do anything dangerous these days." 'Oh, yes, they do, madam! They catch cold, drink too much and stay out

late at their lodges." She gave the little man a look and cjaculated: "You think you are smart, don't you? You can talk, but you can't

rescue even a cut.'

"You do me wrong. Watch me rescue that cat even at the peril of being insulted. Do not be frightened. I go, but I will return.' He ran across the street as the large woman shouted, "He is go ing to climb!" He rang the doorbell of the house, and when the servant girl appeared he pointed to the cat above The door closed, and a few minutes ater a window in the third story opened and the girl, reaching her arm out caught the cat and took it in. The crowd cheered, and the dapper man bowed, but the large woman said con-

temptuously: 'Men have no courage. They get wo men to rescue cats."-New York Commercial.

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Many charming so called night pictures are taken by making two expo-sures, a short one in the rapidly diminishing afternoon sunlight, to get an impression of buildings and other dark objects and another longer one after dark to print in the gas and electric lights that line the long street or mark out the roads and winding pathways of a city park.-James B. Carrington in Scrib-

Struck the Right Man.

During a visit to Massachusetts : distinguished author was invited by a friend to a meeting of an agricultural society, then holding its annual session in the town

The invitation was accepted, and author and friend took seats near the door. Nearly every farmer in the house had something to say. Finally the president, pointing toward the author, said:

"Everybody's given us a talk to night, except the farmer down there by the door-I mean the brother with the hazel beard, the boots and the slouch hat. I can tell by his looks that he's a farmer, and nothing but a farmer, and I call upon him to take the floor and tell us how crops are in his neighbor-hood."

The man referred to was Hamlin Garland, but he was equal to the occasion, and rising he said:

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A Story

with a business side

When John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence he wrote his name in big

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THEATRICAL WAR.

"The Widow Brown" has Domesti Troubles of Her Own.

There was quite a little disappointment among the playeners of this town Tuesday evening when many visited the opera house to witness the presentation of "The Widow Brown" It seems that the show troupe arrived in town about noon and was assigned quarters at the Berkshire house. It is said that there was a dissention among the players before they arrived here but at any rate a general explosion resulted when several of the leading actors discovered that an insignificant aspirant of the stage who had been with the company only a short time and was playing a minor part, secured the largest and best room at the Berkshire house. The heavens thundered and even old Grevlook trembled when the leading actor found that he was to have a room three feet smaller than a best bed in the house. Such a state of affairs could not exist and the company "vamoosed," carrying their troubles to another scene of war. What few tickets were sold in advance were called in and the purchasers were refunded their

The Pelander Population.

It will no doubt be interesting to the majority of the people of this town to know just about how many Polanders there are in town. A TRANSCRIPT reporter has received the following figures from good authority: There are 324 adults employed in the various mills in town, and 129 children at home or in school and there are 89 families in town, By the last mentioned figure is meant that there are 89 families who are sup. posed to rent houses in town and either have just their own children or keep bearders. Although it is not usually the general wish of an American community to want this class of residents, yet Adams is fortunate in baving Polanders who are comparatively well educated and who are to a great degree law-abiding. Most parents send the children to the public schools and are anxious that they receive at least a fair education. Although they cling to some of their national cussome vet they are peaceable citizens and to far as their work goes in the mills they give satisfaction. Although their number is quite large they are conducting themselves in a manner which gives promise of an intelligent and desirable class in coming generations.

Another Sprinter Backs Down.

Although there are some who do not think that Jack Doyle, the local sprinter. is to be classed among the best sprint runners of the country today, yet it seems that of late, many who pose as leading men, have rather shown themselves as not willing to meet him. A short time ago Rogers, the colored aprinter from Buffalo, N. Y., who from various communications written to sporting papers, scemed desirous to meet Doyle at 150 vards, did not come to time when his challenges were accepted and has declined a match. So it happened a few days ago when the local man challenged W. A. Conover of Saratoga, N. Y. The latter claims to be a great ice sprinter for 60 yards and when such a race between him and Doyle was suggested he also refused to race. Men who ought to know say that Doyle is now in good condition and is entitled an even start with the best of sprinters. At any rate it seems that many of the so-called cracks do not care about meeting him.

Death of Hiss Lydia Tubbs.

Mrs. Lydia Tubbs, 83 years old, died of old age at the home of her daughter. Mrs. A. J. Partridge on North street, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. She was born in about 40 years. She was a woman of true Christian character and always had a kind word for her neighbors and friends. She leaves besides her daughter, Mrs. Partridge, a son, George Dodge of Maple Grove . Also two brothers, Almira Aiken of Cohoes: N. Y., and Ebjah Aiken of Northampton, The funeral will be held from the house, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. O. I. Darling will offici-

Good Ice Crop Probable.

Contractor Shand has begun cutting ice m Howland's pond at Zylonite. It is about 14 inches thick. This that is being cut now is for the use of customers only although the work of filling the ice houses will begin soon. Mr. Shand states that he will cut and store away more ice this year than has ever before been cut in town. The reason for this is an increase of the local customers and a good chance for North Adams patronage. The ice in North Adams has been condemned as impure, while most of the ice cut here is of pure spring water.

For Malicious Mischief.

Charles Demarais was in court Tuesday morning charged with malicious mischief. It appears that a short time ago Demarais and a few others bored a hole through a storm door and through the inner door of one of E. Harmon's tenement houses on Edmunds street. He left town shortly after and was not arrested until his return a few days ago. His case was continued to give him a chance to repair the injury done.

Injured by a Log.

Joseph Dubray of this town met with a bad accident while at work in Savoy a few days ago. He was employed in getting out heavy logs from the woods and piling them in convenient places where they could be loaded on wagons or eleighs and drawn to the saw mill in this town. It was while piling the logs that one of them rolled and struck him heavily in the chest and bruising him cuite severely. He will be unable to work for a couple of weeks.

To Present a Farce.

I. J. Hatton who has had more or less experience in the presenting of short plays, is arranging a comic farce to he given as one of the entertainments during the coming G. A. R. fair. Those who will to have been all the damp. take part are Mr. Hatton, Frank McNulty,

Miss Katheryn McGue, Miss Katheryn Curran and Miss White.

Elected Officers,

The annual meeting of Div. 3, A .O. H. was held Monday evening and the followng officers were elected: President, M. J. Curran; vice president, Edward Murray; recording secretary, Bernard F. Haggerty; financial secretary, Frank McNulty; treasurer, James Raidy. The date of installation has not been decided upon.

Sheriff O'Brien has sold on execution the right, title and interest of Theophilus Sweeney on a piece of property in Savoy to F. R. Shaw of this town. The consid-

eration is private. The regular meeting and election of officers of Hoose Valley lodge of Odd

Fellows will be held this evening.

In Tuesday evening's Trainscript it was stated that Robert Greaves, designer at the Jacquard mill, had resigned his posisupernumerary, who in addition had the tion. It should have been Designer Fred Ott who has resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Lawrence of Troy, N. Y., are the guests of friends at Maple

Harry L. Barnes of Zylonite, has returned to his studies at the University of Vermont at Burlington, Vt. Fred Simmons is visiting friends in Co-

hoes, N. Y. A son was born Tuesday to Mr. and

Mrs. John Williams of Maple Grove. A concert and ball will be held at the Deer Hill house in West Cummington New Year's eve. Quite a number of local people have expressed their intentions of attending. Gurney's orchestra will forpish music.

At Tuesday evening's meeting of the associates of George E. Sayles post. G. A. R., one new candidate, Charles R. Helmar, was initiated. Remarks were made by Commander Mole and Comrades D. D. Bowen, Dr. C. W. Burton, John Morgan and Mr. Helmar. The meeting was a

very interesting one. W. B. McNuity of West street has returned to Hudson, N. Y.

The Home Reading club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. A. B. Mole on Orchard street. The program was printed last week.

The exercises and Christmas tree at St. Mark's parish house, Tuesday evening, made a very pleasant occasion. The Sunday school children sang Christmas carols and gave appropriate recitations. All present received gifts.

A VITAL QUESTION.

Asked by Hundreds of North Adams People-A Citizen Answers

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Our citizens who have been entrapped into reading an innocent looking piece of newspaper composition that turned out to be a cleverly worked introduction to some proprietory medicine advertisement always stops the perusal of it when they discover the fraud, some with impatience, Some mentally vowing they wont be foolish again. Other readers who are honestly searching for a remedy advertised in their daily paper, drop on one and invariably the first question asked is can this be true. This leads to a more important. one, why don't they publish local testimony instead of forever asking us to beheve statements of some one whom we are not sure even exists? Carefully read the following and see if it does not fill the

Miss Minnie Wade of 18 Richview ave., says: "My kidneys troubled me since I was a child. In fact I can hardly remember when they did not. Very much of the time I was so utterly miserable that I could do nothing. A weak back and Northampton and had lived in town backache hung to me most of the time, accompanied by a depressing and tired feeling that unfitted me for anything. Dizziness, headache and urinary difficulty were added to my trouble and I certainly was in bad shape. The impressive state ments in the city papers referring to cares of kidney disease made by Doan's Kidney Pills induced me to give them a trial. I used many remedies before, and I had employed physicians who treated me for the kidneys but I received little or no

> "I was suffering intensely when I obtained a box of Doan's Kidney Pills from Burlingames & Darby's, but from the first dose I found them doing me good. They stopped the backache. The frequent inclinations to urinate ceased. I have felt so much better every way since taking them I have no objections to your refering to me.

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Stalking Haman Prey.

The Goorkha, with his catlike facility for taking cover, aided by his small size and his sleuthhound persistence in following an evasive foe, has always been an annoyance to the stalwart Pathan.

On one occasion two Goorkha scouts were told off to drive away two Afghans who, from a neighboring sum-mit, were "sniping" at a passing col-umn. The column reached its camp after midnight, and when roll was called the two Goorkhas were missing.

Their comrades mourned them for a few hours, but at daybreak the two turned up, very tired, very hungry and very thirsty, but radiant.

"We got them both," they said. Few men but Goorkhas would have enjoyed the sport of stalking enemies in their own country until they "got them both."-Pearson's Weekly.

Explosion of Gas. Scranton, Pa., Dec. 28.—Six men were seriously injured by an explosion of gas in the Eellevue shaft of the Delaware and Lackawanna company. Two of them may die. The explorement thought

EVERHARDT WRESTLED FASHIONS OF NEW YORK.

That Is How He Saved Himself From Daly's Slugging.

Julian's Bombastic Statement About Bob Fitz.

"Thore's Such Divinity Doin Hedge a King" of Pugilists.

New Orleans, Dec. 29.-Jack Daly and Jack Everhardt met before the Tulane Avenue Athletic club last night with about a thousand persons present for a percentage of the receipts. The match was originally for 20 rounds, but the mayor would not issue a permit for over 10 rounds, and charged \$500 for this. Everbardt said he had trained for 20 rounds and refused to go on until he secured an agreement that if both men were on their feet at the end of 10 rounds the fight would be declared a draw. Everhardt tried to make it a roughind-rushing fight from the start, but Daly was clever enough to keep away from pundshment. Daly's left was weak so that there was not much harm done until the seventh, when he learned to use his right and kept it going on

clared it a draw. ' Martin Julian's Bombast. Chicago, Dec. 29.-Tuesday Martin Julian, on behalf of Robert Fitzsimmons, issued a signed statement which says: "Fitzsimmons will defend his right to the title of champion. Mrs. Fitzsim-

the body. In the tenth round Daly's right did a rushing business on Ever-

hardt's body, and there was danger of a knockout. Then Everhardt chinched and wrestled, and saved himself until

time was called. Referee Duffy de-

mons has released him from his promise of retirement," will fight Corbett and McCoy Julian ex-plains as follows. "Let Corbett beat man like Maher or Choynski and establish his right as a member of Bob's class; let McCoy beat his way up to a commanding position and come along with his challenge afterward; but first McCoy must right a fit opponent at the middle-weight limit and not at catchweights

The statement concludes with these words: "I am not going to allow Mr. Fitzsimmons to accept offers from inferior men. When the proper time comes Bob will meet them all one after the other in the same ring if needs be."

To Race In Florida, New York, Dec. 29.—The money is up binding a bicycle race between Jay Eaton, the "indoor king," and August Lehr, the German, and in February the race, mile heats, unpaced, will be de-cided at Belleair, Fla. The bet is \$1000 a side at present, but both men are confident that the sum may be greatly increased before the race is started

This match is the most important of those made at Madison Square garden, where challenges have been flying thick and fast this week. Lehr issued an open challenge upon his armyal in Amer-ica, and Eddie Bald and Earl Kisef both snapped up the offer so quickly that Eaton then seemed shut out. The meeting of Eaton and Lehr will be one of the features of the big meet at Belleair.

L. A. W. Presidency. Boston, Dec. 29.—Sterling Elliott, chief consul of Massachuseits division, L. A. W., when seen in relation to the alleged withdrawal of George D. Gldeon as a candidate for the presidency of the or-ganization, said: "George D. Gideon ganization, said: can be elected president of the L. A. W. easily than could any other member of that organization, Mr. Gideon would be perfectly willing to accept the nomination if it can be done without the sacrifice of harmony in his own state.

There are enough votes favorable to him at this moment to give him a handsome majority, and Pennsylvania, above any other state, deserves to have the office

McCoy Anxious to Find Ont. New York, Dec. 29.—McCoy aunounced last night that he had arranged to meet Al Smith at the Gilsey House today and post \$1000 as a guarantee that he would meet any man named by Fitzsimmons. It is to meet Julian's proposition that McCoy arranged the conference. He was anxious to find out, he said, whom Fitz-

simmons wanted him to fight. Japs Not Idle. London, Dec. 29.—A special dispatch sleeves to evening dresses, but from Shanghai says: It is reported smaller than they were before. that a Japanese fleat of over 20 warships is waiting near Coto island, outside Dagasaki, fully equipped for war and only waiting instructions. This includes the Fuji and Yashima, two of the finest vessels in the Japanese navy, and the Chen Yuen that was captured from China. The Japanese fleet, it is understood, is acting in close touch with the British squadron under Vice Admiral Buller, commander-in-chief on the

China station. Japan will certainly oppose a permanent Russian occupation of Port Arthur. The sudden dissolution of the Japanese diet was owing to the war spirit. expected that the Japanese fleet will at-tempt to prevent the landing of re-enforcements from Odessa for the protection of the Russian trans-Asiatic raliway In Manchuria.

Child Died of Alcoholism.

Buffalo, Dec. 29.—The case of a child only 15 months old dying of alcoholism has been reported to the department health Another child is critically ill from the same cause. The parents of the children are Poles. It developed at the coroner's investigation that on Christmas day, the children had been fed with large quantities of "smeercase" and clove wine. The doctor in atten-dance stated that the dead child exhibited all the symptoms attending a case of delirium tremens.

Two Boys Run Down. Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—Peter Pluter, aged five, was killed on the railroad at Steelton yesterday, and his play-mate, Henry Taupamarki, aged mne, was fatally injured. They were playing of the Pennsylvania railroad track while a freight train was passing and did not hear the approach of another train.

Lucigert Has No Money, Chicago, Dec. 29.—The stenographers employed by counsel for the defense in the Listgert case have struck. They did not appear in court when the case was called yesterday, and the lawyers may have to depend upon the notes taken by the state's stenographers if it is found necessary to take the case to the supreme court. Attorney Harmon, it is said, will ask the court to request the state to furnish the defense with a copy of the testimony each day on the ground that Luetgert has no money to pay for stenographers, and that the life of the prisoner will be imperitled unless pro-vision is made to protect his interests.

Sash Ribbons and Made Sashes Are Becoming Popular.

DECLINE OF THE PUFFED SLEEVE.

New Silks and Ribbons-Evening Dresse. Described .- Tablier and Shawl Drapery For Light Dresses - Jeweis and Orns ments For Evening Wear—Fur Novelties. [Copyright, 1898, by American Press Association.]

ing a prominence just at present that they have not had before within the recollection of the present generation. Some of the sashes are of plain taffeta, satin, moire or grosgrain ribbon. Some are of the most refined of the plaids. There are some where the plaid is more suggested than seen, and these have small but exquisite designs of flowers in natural colors set in the squares formed by the platd lines.

One very new and striking design had a

Sash ribbons and made sashes are tak-

creamy white ground, with faint green lines across the ribbon, while through the center lengthwise was one line of green and two narrow ones of marcon. The tiny bunches of reses were in the white blocks. Along each edge of the ribbon there was another line of green, bordered on each side with a thick beaded line of white cord. The whole was a delicate green and white plaid, with the mites of pale pink roses, and one could scarcely bear to leave

The late Henry Ward Beecher used to buy half yards of ribbon and dainty silks and also rich silks by the quarter of a yard just for the pleasure of looking at them in intervals of sermon writing. Mrs. Beecher once showed me perhaps a hundred pieces of fine breendes and printed silks which he had bought just to look at. His taste was only for those with floral design. These she afterward gave to friends to make up into pineushions and things. There is a design of new ribbon that would have delighted the famous preacher. This is offered in two widths—viz, four and six inches. The ground is a soft ivory and the ribbon of close, fine taffeta, crisp and firm. On it at regular intervals are the most exquisitely designed and colored bunches of violets with their foliage in al-

satin ribbons. On the left shoulder was a spray of cloth of gold roses.

There are some stiff ribbons made on purpose to wear around the neck to form

a foundation for the jewels, slides and fancy ornaments now so fashionable for evening wear. The ribbon is richly moire. and, though some is shown in colors, those most in demand are black or white. Unquestionably the jewels show up better on black and white. All sorts of fancies are shown in the designing of this jewelry. There are frogs, snakes, lizards, dragon flies, holly sprays, with garnets for berries, flowers of various kinds, and finits, such as currents and blackborries. Phese all have leaves, blossoms and fruit in the one jewel. Precious stones and en-amel go to make up these ornaments. Heavy chains and chatchaine belts, with no ond of jingling ornaments, are in rogue. Heart shaped lockets attached to thick link chains are worn around the neck outside of street blouses. Many are jeweled, though whether with real or imitation stones it is difficult to say in these days. Even muffs and fur garments have clasps and buckles set with sparkling stones. It appears now as if the long repressed love of gold and jeweled ornaments for street wear has broken its barriers and gained the sanction of fashion for their uss. Hearts are evidently trumps among the new jewelry all the way through.
Some of the fur novelties for this week

are quaint and odd, and even in some cases almost grotesque with their multitude of tails and ridiculous little heads. Some capes are made so that the fur lies up in ruffles and plaits. It is odd, but cumbersome. There are very warm and useful gloves offered of dogskin lined with different furs clear through, fingers and There are gauntlet tops to some. Half of them are open at the wrists with but-tons, and the rest have simply deep gauntlets or are gathered at the inner wrist with These are very protty as well They are about four inches an elastic. above the wrist line and intended to be worn outside of the coat sleeve. Muffs are of many kinds, the two most popular designs being those shaped like a spool of thread and the hig baglike affair of olden days, big enough to hide a baby in. Stole victorines with the fronts reaching the very bottom of the dress are among the newest. These are of ermine, chinchilla, mink or sable. Others are shorter. For is used on cuffs and for collars, revers and borderings of every possible kind. Quite a number of handsome ball gowns have



NOVELTIES IN FURS AND HATS.

most natural size. The shading of hud, blossom, leaf and stem is the work of a true artist. One looks twice to see if they are not real flowers. Field daisies are also represented and are almost as beautiful. I think violets and daisies lend themselves better to the weaver's art than most other flowers. But these ribbons are too beautiful to wear. They are, however, intended bows and loops that are now massed to-

gether on the shoulder in place of sleeves.

The puffed and elbow sleeves were never as pretty as the strap sleeves. They hid the grareful round slope of the shoulder and destroyed its outline and covered the most beautiful part of the upper arm. Now that is to be seen, and if the lower part of the arm is not all that it should be, why, there are the mousquetaire and half a dozen other styles of glove to mask the defect. There are still some puffed sleeves to evening dresses, but fewer and

A ball gown for a young married lady was of very light tan colored brocade, the pattern being in a light brown. The skirt was in demitrain, with a binding of brown fur around the bettom. On the right side this was lifted above the bottom and held with three pink roses with their foliage. The bodice was brought down in a sharp point and slightly draped on each side and fastened with amber ornaments. The upper part was opened a little in V shape over a vest of white satin edged at the top with lace. There were two small revers made of the brown fur, and over this fell a bertha of point lace. The sleeves were very short puts, with triangular bits of fur set on the front to hold back the satin. The neck was thus in something of a pompadour shape. The union of the tan and brown and white was an unusual one. but a very pleasing one. A high dog colfar made of pearls was worn with this Long white glace kid gloves were worn and showed two rather wide and quite heavy gold bracelets well. Nearly every-body wears neck chains, bracelets and jeweled dog collers now, not to mention earrings, and next to diamonds pearls are favorites, emeralds next. Tablier and shawl drapery to light dress-

es is a new thing, but seems to have already become popular. One gown trimmed in this way was of white crope lisse over sulphur colored taffeta. The skirt was full and had rows of inch wide sulphur satin ribbon sewed all around it ar inch apart all up the skirt. Over this was a shawl front of the white lisse; with three tows of bubbled lisse one inch wide set six inches apart, one directly on the edge. The shawl ended in the back in two long tabs bordered like the front. The waist was plaited lisso, the sleeves very short and puffed, and around the neck was a pratty bertha of the lisse closely shirred and bubbled, edged at the bottom with a ruffle three inches wide. This was sewed with four rows of narrow sulphur colored

Yesterday I saw some of the new thin goods which are to be worn next summer. The principal thing was the long and varied line of organdics. These are unusually delicate and the tints are most exquisitely blowded. They are mostly in wide stripes, each holding a floral length wise design, all in faint colorings. Wild roses in a tangle of foliage and in natural size form stripes 3 and 4 inches wide. Be tween these are what one might call a stripe of very light and delicate tint, shading down to white in the center. For have all over patterns, as nearly every design runs in stripes, with quite large flowers. Some of them have stripes of jet black an inch wide between the floral design. This is very striking, and at the first view almost a shock, so decided is the line. These will be made, according to the designs which always accompany each bale of goods, in two ways. One will have the stripes perpendicular and in the other instance they will be sewed around to represent three skirts or deep flounces. The waists are gathered, but are more apt to lay across in surplice fashion than to be closed down the front. Ribbon to match the design in the goods is also shown. Ribbon will be much worn this coming season, and indeed it is now gaining daily, though probably lace will keep its

Present popularity.

A line of cotton goods for next season is regular chintz, though fine, in well chosen colors and artistic designs. Among the colors I noticed a regular nankin col-ored ground with tiny purple tars thickly sprinkled over it The most of the chints patterns have stripes with vines and tendrils and blossoms between. There will be striped glughams, seersuckers and striped mounic cloth, and all of them in rather subduct colors. Silks for next season also promise us a quantity of stripes, dainty promise us a quantity of stripes, dainty and delicate in color. MATE LEBOY.

Austrian Girl Orchestras.

The Bohemian town of Pressnitz is the headquarters of the girl orchestras. Its conservatory trains young girls for these numerous Austrian organizations and secures engagements for them. A concert tour in different countries usually lasts three years. The students are chiefly the daughters of professional men.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having residences in the city must clear the sidewalks in front of their residences of snow and ice within 24 hours of the time of snow fall or ice formation. Neglect to comply with this order will make any offender subject to the law's penalty. By order of

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Attack on Mr. Stead. London, Dec. 28,—The Daily Chronicle

this morning printed a letter a column and a half long, signed by Adjutant Geneval John E. Ballame of the state of Washington, denouncing William T. Stead's book, "Satan's Invisible World," and Mr. Stead himself as "displaying the densest ignorance of everything Ameri-The writer proceeds to combat tie

Frament that New York is a typical American city in any sense; and he declares that the "real America of the west hates New York as much is it hates Lon-

To Defy the World,

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Eli T. Shep-pard, who recently returned from China, commenting upon the reported occupation of Kin Chau by Russia, said yesterday: "The seizure of the port shows that Russia has practically taken posterday: session of Corea, Manchuria and the gulf of Liauturg, and possesses a significance while will cause consternation among the diplomats of the world Its situation is such that its possession practically places Russia in a position to defy

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THE BRIDGE SETTLEMENT.

The city of North Adams has made settlement with the Berlin Iron Bridge company, which built the Main street bridge, that settlement has been accepted, and the whole business is concluded.

The settlement is just what the present administration promised the people of this city it should be-the contract price rest \$25 for every day of delay after September 1, excepting Sundays and legal holidays. The forfelt amounts to \$2,075 which was deducted from the contract price of \$4,989, and the bridge company has received the city's check for \$2,914 a⁶ payment in tull.

After all the abuse of the administration for the contract made with the bridge company, this settlement comes as a vindication of the city's officials and as a condemnation of the misrepresentation of their opponents. The forfoit clause in the contract has proven perfectly sound in law, as the city solicitor gave assurance it would, and has proven far better than a boad. A suit in Connecticut courts for damages caused by delay would have been necessary had a bond been accepted, The result of such a suit would have been vory uncertain and probably long delayed-As it was, the city had the settlement practically in its own hands.

The quality of the bridge is of the very best, only the highest grade material being used, under inspection of experts employed in the interests of the city.

building shows that the contract was the best possible to be made, that the city's interests were all safely guarded, and that the criticism and insinuations against the city officials on account of it have been unwarranted and unfair. Congratulations are due to Commissioner Hunter, City Engineer Emigh and City Solicitor Thayer, as well as to Mayor Houghton, who truly said in Odd Fellows' hall "we have got the bridge, we have not paid a cent for it, and when we do pay it will be just what the contract calls for."

COULD IT NOT BE AVOIDED?

Recently the trading stamp scheme came to town and was entered into by a It increased their trade and that it was a looked at it as unfair com-petition and such as gave trade, taking a per centage for this changing of customers from one merchant to another. That the law has been successfully brought against this scheme and the fact that a number of our merchants have withdrawn from it, is comment enough as to think very much about them. It is to how it now atands in this city. The chief fact about it, that we would call rate it is high time that the North Adams attention to, is that it produced nothing, and caused a trade irritation among our

Now comes another trade irritation The grocers of the city are combined against the co-operative grocery store and propose to give their customers the advantage of a per cent, off in other stores outside their line of goods, to offset a discount from other merchants received by

The question arises in view of this condition of things, if it is necessary for our merchants to form themselves into pro_ tective associations as against each other? Does it increase trade? When competition is as sharp as it is today and the margins of profits small, will not the merchant have to find some way of keeping his profits the same as now, and so will the customer be the gainer in the

long run? its answer in the answer to this question: each business to keep strictly within its

The merchants of North Adams have this question before them. While it re-

A CURFEW IN WESTIRY MISSA-CRUSLT IS.

The advisability of having corfew rung each evening in the smaller cities and towns in Western Massachuzetts has been quite generally discussed by the press of this section and quite generally approved The Springfield Republican, the Westfield News, the Pittsfield papers, and, we believe, the Holyoke papers, have expressed strong approval of the plan. We are sorry to say the pulpit has not done as

nuch. Now a curfew law is likely to be passed in one Western Massachusctts city. That city is Chicopee. One of the newly elected members of the board of aldermen announced his intention at the first meeting of the new board to introduce a bill on the lines of the old curfew as far as it concerned the presence of the children on the streets at night. Such a bill will meet with the favor of all who have the welfare of their children at heart, and undoubtedly the support of the clergy as a whole will be given. Rev.Mr.O'Malley and also Rey, Mr. Stone of St. Patrick's church have long been working for such legislation. It is desired by the majority and the board of aldermen will doubtless give it their serious consideration. The new bill if adopted will give the police the power to first warn all children found promenading after a certain hour, and on the second offense take them into custody until the parents appear at the station to take charge of them.

The recount should end election.

Wasn't the bridge settlement about

The talk of Secretary Gage's resigning the treasury portfolio seems to have had no basis in fact.

Isn't \$2,075 in the city treasurer for delay of the bridge building better than a law suit brought to recover under a bond, and this too in Connecticut courts?

The most demoralizing feature of the pension system is the existence of 50,000 pension attorneys. The ordinary pension attorney is worse than the most pestiferous "varmint" that ever invaded a henroest.—H. C. Evans, Commissioner of Pensions.

Congratulations to Commissioner Hunter on the bridge settlement. He was not dealing in experiments when be made a bridge contract that called for a forfeit instead of a bond that would have meant long law suit in Connecticut courts.

"In my opinion," said the sagacious excandidate for mayor, the city has lost many thousands of dollars by the unbusiness-like way in which the whole (bridge) business has been handled." Does his opinion amount to very much in view of the way settlement was made today?

Is President McKinley waiting on Wall street in his Cuban policy? Once a soldier himself and always a lover of liberty this country expects him to declare for liberty in Cuba, and an ending of an inhuman and awful war. He has dallied with this Spanish crime long enough.

President McKinley can appeal to this country to relieve the awful suffering caused by the barbarity of the Spaniards in Cuba and yet does nothing to put an end to this inhuman war. The time to stop that war is NOW. There should be no longer delay. A people who are willing to die for liberty may be trusted with

The officers of the Berlin Bridge company acknowledged that the bridge contract their company signed with this city was as strong and binding a paper as they ever put their names to. Their lawyers told them there was not a loop-hole in it nor a chance to escape the forfeit for de-

Day after day from different cities of New England comes word of reduction of that in a few years Alaska will be admitted as a state. Next year 200,000 or 200,about 10 per cent, and is to go into effect | 000 people are expected to rush to the gold-Monday, January question arises: Can the Berkshire cot- others to trade and speculate, and the latton manufacturers keep wages where they are and successfully meet the competition of concerns paying 10 per cent. less for help?

Mayor-elect Cady says that any reports as to appointments to city offices by himself or as to his policy are merest augural. But he does know that he is going to be mayor because there are so many who want to help him carry on the city government. There are volunteers every hour for this service, and they are increasing each day, too.

It would appear that Mr. Hamer had forgotten the fact of his signing the recount publidon. Men often sign petitions of one sort and another without stopping politicians quit calling each other names Election is over and the community might better drop the whole matter.— Pittsfield Journal.

O, Brother Lewis, you are so pious and good when you don't happen to have a campaign on yourself! By the way, who is keeping the "whole matter" before the public? Is it Mr. Hamer or his recent opponents? It is Mr. Hamer, and the Journal would know this if they were closer than 20 miles.

Osborne Howes of Boston, in a recent address before the West Somerville board of trade, asked Massachusetts to change address before the West Somerville board of trade, asked Massachusetts to change her county lines. As at present drawn these "are more geographical expressions, although when they were laid out they were intented to bring together those perple who had common local interests. The time has now come to change these lines, which have existed for a hundred years and bring them into contermity with present needs." If any such plan were under serious consideration the counties of western Massachusetts would ask to be let alone. There is county pride up this way, as well as state pride. Would the men of Bertsaire, of Hampden, of Hampshire, of Franklin or Worcesier consent to be set off into any other county than their own? We trow not. Every mother's son of them is a Hampden man, a Borkshire man or what not and the pride of locality is strong in him. To lift his town into some other county would not suit at all, albeit he consents to be smitted in the matter of the political districts, though even in that matter he would usuality presert to be let alone every 10 years.—Spril g 1 nd Republican.

-The annual meeting of Div. 4, A. O. H., will take place Thursday night.

Evidence That the Miners Need Not Suffer For Food,

THE WHALERS WELL SUPPLIED.

Walter Wellman's Advices Indicate That the Proposed Government Relief Expeditions Are Wholly Unnecessary-Statehood For Alaska Is Not Far Off.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.-[Special.]-According to the best information obtainable here, those American citizens who are with characteristic energy and generosity, have probably had a protty good holiday season, after all, and are not in danger of starvation. In these dispatches I have re-peatedly pointed out a probability that both the whalers at Point Barrow, in the Arctic sea, and the miners along the Yu-kon are able to take care of themselves. Now comes evidence in support of this theory. Two men who recently returned from Dawson say there is no danger of coffee and sugar may run out, there is food enough in the country of one sort or another to last till the opening of navigation in the summer. As there are 1,000 tons of provisions at Fort Yukon-the highest point the steamers were able to get last fall on account of low water—it is inconceirable that any of the miners should starve, for it is no difficult matter for them to travel the 200 or 300 miles between their camps and the Fort Yuken supply station. Americans who venture into the goldfields are not the men to sit down and starve when there is plenty within reach by means of a snowshoe jour-

ney of two or three weeks.

Still no one will criticise congress or the energetic secretary of war for desiring to make assurance doubly sure by sending in a relief expedition. If new supplies are not actually needed, no harm will be done, at any rate, and the forwarding of these relief trains will afford the world a lesson in the watchful care which Lincle Sam exercises over his citizens, wherever they

has just returned from Alaska, writes me a most interesting letter. He says he is familiar with the conditions which exist up there, and that there is no need of a ro-lief expedition either for the miners or the whalers. He points out that at Dawson, which is in Canadian territory, there is a sort of gevernor general, with autocratic powers, in the person of Major Walsh. Up to date he has made no report to the Dominion government of starvation or dan-ger in the Yukon region, which he would be very likely to do if there was any peril.

Mackenzie river, and the Hudson Bay company had information from the traders on the lower river in November that the whaling fleet were gathered, as usual, at Herschel island and were so well supplied with provisions as to be in a position to trade with the natives at prices against which the overland traders could not compete. If this was the case, surely the whalers do not require aid by a tugboat (which will never reach them) or by a reindeer caravan from St. Michael's (which, in my opinion, will never get as far as Point Barrow). As for the Yukon miners and the effort to relieve them by reindeer from Lapland, I believe the steamers will be able to get up the river to Dawson before the reindeer trains cover half the trail from Dyea to the goldfields,

Interest In the Arctics. to be attracting more than their share of attention of late. We have the government relief expeditions to the Yukon and to Point Barrow, Dr. Nansan has jost taken \$100,000 of good American money through his lectures, Professor Andree's balloon ex-redition is much written and talked about pedition is much written and talked about. of a ship by Mr. Harmsworth, the London editor who three years ago sent an expedi-tion to Franz-Josef Land, and with which Mr. Peary will next summer endeavor to reach the north of Greenland. There are still other expeditions in the air, and it is obvious that for years to come public in-terest will be largely turned to the frozen

regions of the north. Naturally the i fields. Some will go to stake out claims ter are pretty sure to make the most money If the Alaska gold deposits are as rich and widespread as they appear to be, then the future of that territory is a bright one. It is likely to soon have a population of a quarter of a million souls, and this will be in part a permanent population unless the gold plays out. Those who are familiar with the territory say the greatest gold discoveries are yet to be made, and after the pan mining era then comes the use of machinery. This latter will go on fer many years. So we may expect to see Alaska a state before long, and here in Washington we shall soon have the pleasure of interviewing "the senator from Alaska"

Permanent Improvements. ing and most permanent mining indus-tries, those which employ machinery for extracting the precious metal, are likely to be on the American side of the bound-try line. Already it is pretty certain there will be a railroad into Dawson City by next fall, and a telegraph line is to be run in early in the summer. With a great ficet of steamhoats upon the rivers, a rail-road, a telegraph line and many newspa-pers, Alaska will soon begin to held her head proudly and demand admission to the sisterhood of states.

WALTER WELLMAN,

teur, "ought to know several language"
"Of course he ought," replied his fellow
craftsman. "The field has been so well
to be a longer any use of errateman. "The neut has been so went worked that there is no longer any use of reading cid English books in search of original ideas."—Washington Star.

Literary Standards,

"You can buy some nice books down at Elugg's."
"Oh, they are much picer at Bingle's."

Are they standard books? "I guess so. They've got the names stamped on 'em in gilt lotters."—Cloveland Plain Dealer.

Emergency Doctors In Paris.

In Paris a list of doctors ready to attend In Paris a list of doctors ready to attend in case of emergencies occurring in the night is published for the convenience of the public. Originally, we learn, a fee of 10 francs was the standard payment, but more recently a pool has been instituted and the result divided quarterly among the doctors. This system has alienated the better class practitioner, and now the em-ployment of the whole class has become ployment of the whole class has become endangered by the death of a patient treat-ed by one of the members who lives on £15 per annum, with a stock of instru-ments as scanty as his income

THE PRESIDENT'S PASTOR.

Mr. Johnston, Who Preaches Scusptions ermons, to Be Supplanted Next March. The sensational reports that President, McKinley was indignant at the character of the sermons preached by the Sev. Hugh Johnston of the Meteopolitan Methodist church, where the chief executive attends



REV. HUGH JOHNSTON.

divine service in Washington, do not seem to be fully substantiated. The statements that the president had decided not to at tend any more services at that church and that the present pastor would be removed for this reason likewise seem to have been without foundation. The latter is wholly improbable, for Mr. Johnston's five year term will expire in March next, and, according to the Methodist book of order he must necessarily move on to some other pastorate. It has even been practically de-cided that his successor will be the Rev. Frank M. Bristol, now pastor of the First Methodist church of Evanston, Ills.
The Rev. Mr. Johnston indignantly de-

nies the charge of sensationalism in the pulpit and is quoted as saying that he never presched a sepestional sermon in his The fact remains, however, that some of them have touched on the border line, at any rate. They are always full of fire and force, and of late have been given a decidedly political and partisan flavor. Besides scoring Sunday newspapers, the Rev. Mr. Johnston has attacked Tammany Hall, "Jesuitism," and other alleged evils which sensational preachers are fond of denouncing. He prayed that the epponents of the Dingley tariff bill might be covered with confusion, he has talked about Cuba and Hawali, and, in short, has given his flock advice on most of the topics of the day. His Thanksgiving day sermon caused wide comment, but since then he has preached another in which he express-

ed still more radical views.

The Metropolitan church of Washington is the most prominent Methodist church in the country. It was attended by General Grant, and ever since his administration has had a pow reserved for the president. McKinley is the first chief executive since Grant's day to occupy this pew, but of late he has not been constant in his at-

WILL PREACH WITHOUT PAY.

Dr. Farrar Gives Up a Big Salary to Work For Nothing.

Because he wishes_to preach_without pay Rev. James M. Farrar of Brooklyn will give up a salary of \$6,000, relinquish the pulpit of one of the wealthiest churches in that city and go into the country, where he may do church work without compon sation. For seven years Dr. Farrar has been paster of the First Reformed church



building up souls, without money and without price. I have fully consecrated my life to my Master. Since I have been in the ministry I have constantly been called to larger and richer churches. I have gone from one to another, always bettering myself in a worldly way. It has struck me that we ministers count too much on the money we receive. We preach and instruct and advise, but we are well paid for what we do. In spite of our call-ing we give very little to the Lord. This is not a quixotic move or one prompted by undue enthusiasm. Neither do I wish people to think that I am making a sacrifice. I am country born and bred and pre

rest of his life. Not long ago he purchased a handsome city residence near his church

to the people free of charge.

Dr. Farrar has not stated the exact amount of the income which his savings will bring him in each year, but he has told his friends that he calculates to be able to live on \$500 a year. He has a family of seven—six boys and one girl—but two or three of his sons are almost old enough to make their own way in the world. Dr. Farrar is a most popular minister. He is tall, portly, well groomed and has the appearance of being well fed. Dr. Farrar does not intend to resign immedi-

A flowery young prencher was sont to a vacant city church to preach. His ele-quenor dayried the younger members of the congregation, and the olders of the church were be-leved to have him down again. They at length consented, but they had forgotten his name. So they wrote to one of the seminary professors, saying: "Please send us that floweret, streamlet,

pecame minister of the church

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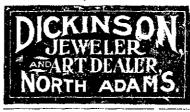
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The ontcome of the Main street bridge

Some of the merchants of North Adams are at present having more than the usual difficulties and appropances of trade. There are other burdens for them than bad creditors and the chances of dull trade, and it seems regrettable that this should be, especially if it can be avoided.

large number of merchants, while many refused to outer the trading stamp circle, Those who entered the scheme felt that legitimate means of attracting custom, It was further claimed that it resulted in cash payments and did away with much bad crediting. On the other hand, rumor. He has not yet written his inmerchants outside the stamp scheme gavo money to an out-of-town concern which did not produce one thing nor increase trade in any way,-merely shifted

the customers of the co-operative store,

The whole problem would seem to find Would it or would it not be better for

mains unanswered, trade conditions among themselves are not altogether pleasant and cannot be. They can settle this question, and along the lines of the golden rule, too. They can "get together" in this matter. Without impugning the methods or purposes of any trade association, we merely call attention to existing conditions, believing these conditions could be bettered with profit to all and Officers for the ensuing year will be

spending the winter in the far north, and for whose relief Uncle Sam is moving

may be.

Relief Expedition Unnecessary. One of the readers of your paper, who

My correspondent writes:
"I have recently returned from the

The arctic and subarctic regions appear and Lieutenant Peary is made a present

Alaska." Although it is true the richest gold diggings are new on Canadian soil, it is said by men who have traveled through the region that in the future the most promis-

What He Ought to Know. "An author," said the practical littera-

of Brooklyn, which has many rich members. He has lived comfortably and enjoyed the good things of life. Now he feels that he has lived the life of a luxurious cleric long enough.

"I have built up this church until it has become strong and useful," he says. "Now I desire to give the rest of my life to

fer the country to the city."

Indeed it is evident that Dr. Farrar in somewhat discreet in making the change for he says that he has saved enough money to give him a modest income for the with a view to its being part of the endowment, so to speak, of his new vonture. He also owns a pretty country place in Chester country, Pa., which he calls Idlewild. It is there that he intends to locate. and in that section will he give his labors

stely, but will probably draw his \$6,000 salary for at least another year.

rivulet, storiight man to preach for us next Sabbath. We have forgotten his name, but we have no doubt you will be able to recognize him."

He was recognized. He was sent. He became minister of the church

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WHAT THE GREATER NEW YORK IS TALKING ABOUT. Jornation of the Trust-Milk Truffic Yields \$1,000,000 In Profits to the Railroads

Each Year-Swill Milk Days-Origin of

the Orange County Milk Trade. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—[Special.]—While the formation of the latest trust, so called, the Farm and Dairy Product company, will work great change in the supplying of milk to the metropolitan district, it will not be so radical as the one brought

shout in 1843 by a man named Sellock. Till then nearly all the milk consumed HARLEM DIVISION.

Leave North Adams via B. & A., R. R. for New York-city 6.29 a. m., arrays N. Y. city 11.51 a. m.; leave North Adams 9.25 a. m.; arrive N. Y. city 1.57 p. m.; leave North Adams 9.25 a. m.; arrive N. Y. city 8.29 p. m. rarive N. Y. city 8.29 p. m. 1 arrive N. Y. city 8.20 p. m. 1 arrive N. Y. city at 9.10 a. m. and 8.28 p. m. arrive N. Y. city at 9.10 a. m. and 8.28 p. m. arrive N. Y. city at 9.10 a. m. arrive N. Y. city at 9.10 a. m. arrive N. Y. city at 9.15 a. m. arrive N. Y. city at 9.15 a. m. arrive North Adams 4.20. Y. J. Wolff, General Agent, Albauy, N. Y. November 21, 1897.

in New York was produced on Manhattan Island. A few milkmen drow their supply from Westchesler county, but by far the greater portion was produced by cows kept in stables and fed on the retuse from brew eries and distilleries. Stables containing many milk giving animals were attached to every concern of either sort in town, and it was not at all uncommon for truckmen owning one or two horses to keep one r two milch cows also, which were fed on the waste products of the drink making establishments. The milk thus produced was not up to the standard now insisted upon, of course, but it was thought to be the best that could be obtained, and in spite of occasional newspaper denunciations of the fluid, which was known as "swill milk," there was really little grumbling. Sellock's Plan.

Sellock was a contractor. In 1841 be built a part of the Eric railroad through Orange county. It was already a great dairy district, but its staple product was butter. Sellock suggested to the farmers that they should send their milk to New York instead of churning it. He was sure a great market could be found here and that milk would be more profitable than butter. They laughed at him, saying that it would be quite impossible to transport milk on railroad trains, and declared that they should stick to their churns.

But Sellock believed in his scheme, and when the ratiroad was finished he fitted up a place in Reade street for the recep tion and distribution of milk, a man named Gregory having agreed to send in an experimental shipment. Had the day on which the first batch of 240 quarts of Orange county milk was brought to New York been one of thunder showers or even of high temperature the milk would proba bly have been spoiled and the whole scheme been abandoned. But the day was cool, and the milk arrived in fine condition. Of course it sold readily. Next day a larger shipment was made and the swill milk was doomed. \$1,000,000 a Year For the Railroads.

The milk trade of the metropolitan distriot is now enormous. The Eric railroad alone runs into Jersey City about 30 cars of milk a day. About 200 cans of 40 quarts each are carried on every car at an average freight of 32 cents a can, making the daily earnings of each car \$65, or \$1,920 a day for the 30 cars. Thus the gross annual earnings of the Eric railroad for carrying milk amount to \$700,800. The cest of moving the cars is said to be under \$170,-000 a year, and if that is so the road's annual not earnings from this source are more than \$500,000. The net milk carnings of the Ontario

and Western railroad, another line which taps a great dairy region, are said to be \$400,000, and the e of the New York, Susquehanna and Western are placed at \$175,-000. Certainly the annual milk trade profit of these three roads amounts to at least \$1,000,000. Certainly the annual milk trade The adoption of Sellock's plan produced

quite as great a change in Orange county as it did in New York. It revolutionized the business of the dairymen, who could make more selling mulk at 2 and 3 cents a quart than butter at 15 cents a pound, the average price for that commedity at that time throughout the year. Today, how ever, many Orange county farmers have returned to their old business of butter making, and New York's milk supply is drawn from many sources in the three states of Now York, Pennsylvania and Now Jersey. Orange county milk producers now receive an average of less than 21/2 cents a quart, and farmers living farther away semetimes get as little as 2 cents; yet the retail price in New York and vicinity is 8 cents.

Something About Glimor. J. D. Gilmor, the organizer of the trust.

promises a reduction in the retail price. Perhaps, he says, it will be cut in half. This will be rendered possible by large retheir Christmas entertainments last evening, following the programs already published. The attendance was large at ductions in the cost of handling. For instance, while there are now some 4,000 brations proved thoroughly enjoyable. wagons, the trust will employ only about 1,500. This will be accomplished by adopting the simple plan of districting the city, so that only one wagon will need to the rooms New Years eve. A first class traverse a given territory instead of seviliterery and musical program is being eral crossing and recrossing each other's arranged and every young man in the tracks, as at present.

Moreover, about 15 per cent of all the city is invited to be present with lady friends. A very pleasant time is antici-

milk received in New York is now allowed to spoil. Gilmor promises to reduce this waste to 3 and possibly 2 per cent. This, be says, may not only reduce the retail price here, but also raise the wholesale price to the dairymen. Of course both city consumers and milk producers hope all this may come true, but neither class is The accepting it as an accomplished fact.

Mr. Gilmor is described as an exceeding-

by unostentations man. He is a biscuit or ing class. cracker baker, and his office is unpretentious in the extreme, being located over his shop and salesroom in a wareroom mearly filled with flour barrels.

If he succeeds in the impending consoli-dation, he will be almost as much of a man in his line as that greater master of combination, J. Pierpont Morgan. The formation of the milk trust is not Mr. On Monday evening he will lecture in the Gilmor's first work as a combiner. Some Institute course on some phase of econtime ago he effected a combination of the New York bisout manufacturers, and its probable that the members of the city success is what has led the dairymen to pool their interests. While, of course, Mr. Gilmor is much interested in the present attend. combination, he is really more like an ex-tremely well paid employee than a principal, and in this position resembles very greatly Mr. Morgan's true place in many of the combinations with which his name January 12: Cnief engineer, G. H. Winhas been associated.

It is not known, of course, whether as organizer of the milk trust Mr. Gilmor possesses powers as sweeping as those vested in Mr. Morgan by the capitalists interested in the combinations he has directed. Mr. Morgan's power can be best illustrated by the statement that it was solely because he said it must be so that William K. Vanderbilt was induced to become the chairman of the board of control of the Vanderbilt lines. The Vanderbilt interest had another candidate for that of the senior partner, S. H. Lasell,

place, but Mr. Morgan said the chairman charge of firm has been made. W. H. should be William K. Sherman retires and Messrs. Loomis and Sherman retires and Messrs. Loomis and "If not," said the big banker, "let it be M. E. Ingalls of Cincinnati." Evans with E. L. Lasell, grandson of G. V. S. Quackenbush, will continue the

From this decision he could not be business under the name of The G. V. S. moved and William K. reluctantly accepted the place.

DEXTER MARSHALL.

The Adams National Bank of North Adams.

The annual meeting of the stockholder of the Adams National bank will be held at their banking house in North Adams.

Tuesday, the 11th day of January, mext, at 2 o'cleck p. m., for the following purposes, to-wit:

First, to choose directors for the ensuag year.

Agyear,
Second, to transact any other business
Bat may legally come before the meeting
E. S. WILKINSON, Cashier,
Borth Adams, Mass., Dec. 10, 1897.

DAILY MILK SUPPLY. TRAVELLER'S GUIDE. ensuing year as follows: P. M. W., M. F. McCarthy; M. W., James Brackley; fore-

Fitchburg Railroad.

15.18, 7.23, 9.53, a, m., 1.61.40, 4.31, 5.55, c2.60 p. m.

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Train Arrive From Fast—10.08, a. m., 12.10, 1.24, 6.00, 18.05, 11.46, c2.39 p. m.

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9.15 p. m.
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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

court this morning.

-There were no cases in the district

-The annual election of officers of the

K. of P. will take place tomorrow even-

ing. All members are requested to be

-Annie A., the two-years-old daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Horn of 228 East

Main street, died Tuesday of scarlet fever.

-This morning was "the coldest one

vet." for which occasion everyone is con-

stantly looking. Reliable authorities gave

the temperature as five degrees below

-A Twelfth Night party will be held in

Grand Army hall Tuesday evening, Janu-

ary 4. There will be dancing from 9 till

2 o'clcok. The patronesses are Mrs.

George Owens, Mrs. P. H. Gunning, Mrs.

E. E. Vadnais, and Mrs. W. E. Lonergan,

with a cainful accident on Sunday last

when returning from church. She fell

on the ice, striking on her face. No bones

are broken but she is badly bruised and

much enfeebled by the effects of her fall

donian club are going to celebrate "hug-

manay nicht" (New Year's eve) Friday

evening at their hall in Hoosac Saving's

bank building. There will be singing and

a supper. The entertainment is for mem-

-F. W. Willey, secretary of the board

of civil service examiners has received

notice that the months in which examina-

tions will be held have changed from

June and December to March and Sep-

tember. Application blanks may be ob-

-The Methodist, Baptist, Congrega-

tional and Episcopal Sunday schools held

each, and the last of the Christmas cele-

-The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M

-The Ideal orchestra has been engaged

to furnish mus c for the Drury hop in Odd

Fellows' hall and for the St. Jean Baptiste

society at Adams, New Year's eve. They

will furnish music at the Twelfth Night

party to be held in Grand Army hall next

Tuesday evening by Prof. Meade's danc-

-The Young Men's Sunday Evening

club of the Congregational church has

cuse university, an authority on socialog-

ical questions, to lecture next Sunday

evening on some socialogical theme, th

subject of which is not yet announced-

omy and municipal public works. It is

government will be specially invited to

-Stewart council of the American

Order of Steam Engineers has elected the

following officers, who will be enstalled

slow; first assistant engineer, S. L. Hills;

recording engineer, F. L. Rand; corres-

ponding engineer, T. G. Fillebrown; financial engineer, W. J. Pead; treasurer,

John Page; senior M. M., Charles Lewis;

junior M. M., C. Mattison; outside senti-

nel. A. Brown; unide sentinel, C. Nichols

Co. of Troy will be closed from Monday, January 3, for one week for the purpose

of taking inventory. Owing to the death

Quackenbush Co., opening on Monday,

-A regular meeting of Lincoln camp,

Sons of Veteraus, was held Tuesday even-

ing. The question of organizing a basket

ball team came up and a committee com-

posed of J. T. Potter, F. S. Illingworth

and John Mulaney was appointed to wil-ness a game played by the teams that

have been formed in the city. The com-

mittee will then report to the camp and a

decision will be reached. The camp will

hold no regular meeting next week on

account of the presentation of "The

elected officers Tuesday evening for the

-North Adams ledge, A. O. U. W.

Drummer Boy of Sniloh "

January 10,

-The store of G. V. S. Quackenbush &

secured Prof. John R. Cummons of Syra.

bers and invited guests.

tained at the postoffice.

pated.

-The Ladies' Auxiliary with the Cale-

-Mrs. W. H. Phillips of Pittsfield met

The burial was at Adams today.

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man, Patrick Urell; overseer, P. J. Mahoney; guide, James F. Jones; financier, T. F. Grogan; receiver, Joseph T. You; recorder, John Barrington; inside watchman, Samuel Owens; ontside watchman, Edward Tatro; delegate to grand lodge M. F. McCorthy; alternate, John B. Don-

evan; trustee, Dr. C. J. Corran. The officers will be installed January 11. -E. E. Canedy of this city secured a patent on his new shoe rack last week through his attorney, E. C. Kiely. The advantage of the rack over those now in use in the shoe factories is that it is folding, so that when not in use it occupies only about a quarter the space taken by the old ones. They can be made as cheaply as the old style rack, and Mr. Canedy is looking for local capital so that their manufacture, which he expects to be large from the assurances given him by shoe men, can be kept in North

The Youngest Office Seeker,

There is at least one local office seeker who will watch the new municipal administration with peculiar interest. He about five years old and he wants the position of commissioner of public works. He has had this lawdable ampition since last summer when some street excavations in front of is house interested him greatly. He spent so much time in watching the men at work that his father, who is a prom!nent street railway official, jokingly to'd him he deserved the position of commissioner. The youngster took it seriously, and learned that he might secure the position by applying to Mayor Houghton-As the latter was a friend of his, he applied that very afternoon, and Mr. Houghton was surprised as he passed the house with the startling request from the boy. The mayor told him that he might some time have it if he continued to take an interest in public works and to grow old. Since that time the would-be commissioner has applied early and often, and is now preparing to transfer his attentions to Mr. C 'g, his interest in the recent city elections having been kept lively by his speculations as to which of the two candidates for mayor would be most likely to choose him for that office should it become vacant.

K. of C. Ladies' Night.

The Knights of Columbus held a ladies' night in A.O. H. hall on Eagle street Tuesday evening. There were about 50 people present. During the evering whist was played and the first prizes were won by Miss Mayme Burke and George Owens. After whist dancing was onjoyed with music by the Misses Mansfield. Vocal relections were rendered by Dr. J. F. McGrath and Miss M. Whalen. Among the out-of-town attendants were Misses Nellie Mercer and Agnes Casey of Pittsfield, District Deputy Mercer of that city; Miss Marguerite Turtle of West Virginia; Mr. Reardon of Providence, R. I.; Lawyer D. A. Guiltnan of Bennington, Vt.; P. J. Burns of Fitchburg; Misses Kataryn McGuc, Elia Burke, Lizzie Finnegan, Mayme Burns, James Cadagon, P. J. Barrett, James Murphy and Edward Riley of

Dorothy Morton Maxt Week.

Dorothy Morton, whose work in some of the most popular operas of recent years has won her a prominent place in the dramatic world, will present ber new musical comedy, "Miss Bravity of Hong Kong," at the Columbia theater next Tuesday evening. Miss Morton was seen here for the last time three years ago, when she was with "The Fencing Master," in which she first became well known. Since then she has played in "The W:zard of the Nile," and in "The Geisha," Her new play is reported to be a humorous success, supported by a clever company of singers and actors, The plot is one of complicated misunderstandings which work out in many sur-C. A. is arranging for an open night at prising situations, and introduces a number of catchy songs.

Local People Will Attend.

The Assembly club of Adams has arranged for another of its series of dances to be held in the Armory hall at that place. A special electric car has been chartered for young people who will attend from this city. The car will leave Main street at 7.15 o'clock.

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Members of Tribes Who Were Not Prop-There are too many white Indians, says Than Fiction.

SOME WHITE INDIANS.

or Government Wards.

writer in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The increasing value of the reservations

the distribution of great sums of money

by the government to members of tribes

clothing and education at the cost of the government. The same is true at Carlisle

great advantage of their personal fortunes

It is enough to bring tears to the eyes of a graven image to hear these squaw men

talk of the wrongs of the poor Indian

Governor Brookmeyer of Missouri went down to the Indian Territory some years

ago to transact business with one of the tribes. When he came back, after having driven a hard bargain for his chients, he

commented on the people he had dealt

not Indians. They are mighty smart Yan-kees, tanned a little."

The new superintendent of Indian schools is impressed with the growing numbers of white Indians, and he calls the attention of the government to them

Hailman says, "are frequently embar-rassed on visiting boarding schools by the discovery that among the children there

are many who apparently have very little, if any, Indian blood. On inquiry those children claim a slight degree of Indian

blood, varying from one-sixteenth to one-sixty-fourth. In a number of instances,

however, it is found that they are the chil dren of white parents who were adopted into the tribe previous to the census for

registering its members. In most cases the parents of these children are sufficient-

ly well to do and able to provide for their

of these 'white Indians' in the schools is hable to become a disturbing element in

its life, either through the greater natural

turbulence of white blood in their voins or through fancied superiority of race.

Moreover, these children upon graduation may seek employment in the Indian serv-

ice and gata admission thereto without

being subjected to the civil service examination which stands between other whites

correct, but in equity it seems to hold ele-ments of unfairness both to the real In-dians and the white citizens of the United

States, who pay the bills for the education and maintenance of these people. Inas-much as there seems to be no remedy for

this in existing laws it is imperative in

the interest of justice to both races that

congress should at an early date indicate by statute what dogree of blood shall con-

stitute an Indian and to what extent

adopted Indians shall be entitled to gov

ernmental support in matters of educa-

Chariotte Bronte.

He must be a Pharisce indeed who can fail to see that Charlette was more to be pitied than blamed for the growth of her strong attachment to her teacher. Owing to her shyness and the isolation of her po-

sition she had known no man intimately till she went to Brussels save her la her

and brother. She had met at Haworth only a few of those curates whom she de-

scribed as "highly uninteresting, narrow

and unattractive specimens of the 'coarser sex.'" Then suddenly her duty brought

her daily into close association with one

whose personality was magnetic, whose intellectual gifts had an irresistible attrac-

her only solace amid a world of strangers. The ripening of friendship and gratitude

divides friendship from that stronger form of attachment which makes separation

If we call this attachment love, it is for want of a more discriminating word. Whatever the feeling was, it was known in her consciousness only as suffering and

was kept prisoner in secret in the depth of her own heart. She was "martyr by the pang without the palm." Even Miss Frederika Macdonald, who seems to hold a brief for Mmo. Heger and her daughters,

acknowledges that Charlotte's feeling for her teacher "was not tainted or disfig-ured by the shadow of any attempt or de-

sire to draw on herself affections that were pledged elsewhere." Under all the circum-

stances it seems to me that, like Jane Eyro

Franklin's Grave.

the modern cemetery is an ideal of beauty and who imagine that something essen

tially pretentious, hugo and modern in marble would be a suitable thing to place over the grave of a century ago. Franklin's grave is just as it should be, in keeping with its time and the tastes and simple would be a suitable to the middle between the modern and the suitable with the middle between the modern and the suitable with the middle between th

ple personal habits of the Philadelphia printer and "atesman."

Wabbled When He Came to Possum.

gious old darky and holds converse

with his Maker twenty times a day or

oftener. His habit is to pray and then

turn off into what appears to be a one

sided conversation with the Lord, but

it is evident that there is another party to it as far as he is concerned. To hear

him reminds one very much of a tele-

his customary devotions, and when he

got to the point of expressing thankful-ness for the many blessings of life he

broke off into a recounting of them,

says Cicero T. Sutton of the Owens-boro Inquirer. "An den, dar's possum,

Lord-how'd you ever think of makin

possum? Possum jes' beats all. You jes' couldn't beat it of you tried ag'in.

Possum, he, he! Yes, dar's watchmil-

lien. I hadn't thought of dat. Hit's jes' great. You couldn't beat hit neither,

could you, Lord? Now, hones', couldn'

you jes' fix it so dey bofe git ripe at oncet? Ef you was to do dat, you mought

go cut an shet de do'. Dey wouldn't be

no mo' sin an no mo' sorrow an no mo' tribelation. Jes' try hit oncet, Lord, an

jes' see what a diffunce hit would make."

The other day he was going through

phone conversation.

Old Uncle Claybrook is a very reli-

from its object an agony.

"For a number of reasons the presence

Inspecting officials," Superintendent

in a forcible manner.

"Indians!" said he. "These fellows are

Investigate-Be Convinced the development of splendid educational institutions for the exclusive benefit of Indian children, these and other advan-tages have had the effect to draw back into -Get Well-Through Dr. Frost. tribal relationship thousands whose title depends upon a small strain of the blood. These changed conditions are stimulating marriages between white men and Indian Your Own Citizens Will

women and between Indian men and Tell You the Whole Truth white women. In the Indian school at Lawrence, Kan., can be seen blue eyed, fair baired little Indians receiving living.

and at Hampton and at all of the Indian schools. The richest people per capita in this country are the members of some of Short Order. these tribes. The problem of the five civ-ilized tribes is complicated by the presence of too many "squaw men," white men who have married Indian women, to the James E. Jordan, for 15 years head

Pains From Years of Standing on

His Feet Driven Away in

waiter at the Bay State house, Worcester, Mass., says;-"I have been troubled with a steady

che in my feet for about five years. My work necessitated standing and so I have continued to suffer. It seemed so at times t at I must give up and take a long rest My feet have grown worse in the last year and the pains spread to my thigh. I could not dress myself without great pain. When I walked I had to take very short steps and walk slowly and then I could hardly get around. I consulted doctors and got no relief. A number of remedies failed to cure me, or give me relief. When samples of Dr. Fron's Rheumatism Cure were given away in this bouse I secured some, more out of curlosity than anything else, for I did not think I could be cured. One bottle of this medicine completely drove the pain out of my feet and I can now get around as I used to. The pains have also disappeared from my thigh. Dr. Frest's Rheumatism cure has done wonders to cure me and I arnestly recommend it to all rheumatic sufferers," Get well the Quick Way:-Use Dr.

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tion for such a mind as hers, and whose sympathy was during long lonely months W. H. GAYLORD into a stronger feeling would be by imper-ceptible stages. She herself would not know when that line was crossed which

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in the story, she was drawn into love of her "master" quite innocently. If we have nothing but pity for Jane in the romacce, we can have no harsher feeling for Charlette in real life.—"The Brontes; Fact and Fiction," by A. M. Mackay. Handkerchiefs! Handkerchiefs!

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Local News!

H. Blanchard and boys spent Christman

at Daniel Jillson's. Miss Mary Keith returned home last week. She has been visiting her sister,

Mrs. J. H. Noble, Sherman had a dull Christmas this year. The party at Dan Howes in No. 9 last was well attended and all had a good time.

Drory Sherman and wife spent Christ mas at her father's in South Whitingham. A. Shumway is drawing ash logs from E. Jewels. Mr. Edwards of Charle. mont has the lumber worked into scythe sticks. Frank Starks is making the scythe atieks.

There is going to be a dance at Odd Fellows' hall, Readsboro, December 31.

Charlie Tudor of Somerset and Miss Emma Bratton of Stamford were married in Stratton last week. Charlie was around with the cigars and made the boys happy. It is understood he will build a residence

The lumbermen are busy hauling logs. Gene Thomas has a job with the Someret Lumber company.

back into camp. Rumor has it that we will have a rail-

R. B. Grout has made a sale of all his lumber.

John Laffame and crew of men have commenced to haul logs from Glasten-

ZOAR.

Among the Christmas visitors were Miss Annie Matteson of Williamstown, George DeWolf of Springfield, Minnle Cressy of Amherst, Sadie Cressy of North Adams Florence Young and Bessie Smith of Athol.

The new road branching from the main road by C. Truesdell's barn and ending in J. Blodgett's decryard is completed and

Georg Manning and family spent

very sick, is a little better. Charlio Manning is on the sick list. Dr. Stafford of North Adams visited him last

week. He is still very poorly. The Christmas tree at the school house Saturday evening was enjoyed by a goodly number of people. The program was well carried out under the efficient management of Miss Effic Todd. teacher of

NORTH HEATH.

Will G. Underwood of Sadango, spent last Sunday with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Underwood. Last week was an unlucky week for the

boys. Roy Smith cut his foot Tuesday quite badly. It is doing well now. Wednesday, Willie Willis cut his foot severely while splitting wood.

last Saturday with the body of his son, Jouathan G. Peterson. He died in New York December 24, aged four years and four months. His funeral was held at his father's J. Peterson, Sunday. The body was buried in the North cometery. Dr. John Peterson of Green River, Vt., came to attend the funeral.

Christmas was observed generally here as there were several Christmas trees and appropriate exercises at the Center. The exercises were good and the presents numerous, At the North schoolhouse the exercises were much enjoyed. There was speaking and singing and presents for all the Sunday school scholars and many other. There was a family tree at Fred

The selectmen will meet at the postfince Wednesday to let the road to be boilt to Fred E. Gleason and Horace Churchill.

Christmas was observed at William Bolton's Satuday, with a family tree. The presents were numerous and the family of George Bolton helped with presents and enlivened the occasion.

HARTWELLVILLE.

There was a Christmas tree and exercises at the Union church Friday evening. The house was tastefully decorated with evergreen and spruce and the trees and decorations illumined by lights from the numerous candles. Over the altar in large letters were the words, "Merry Christmas," The trees were well loaded with gifts, some of which were both beautiful an | valuable. Everybody present received something. Considering the shortness of time for preparation, after deciding to have a tree, credit is due those who had the matter in charge for the good appearance of the church and trees and also for the good quality of the exercises in general. The entertainment consisted of recitations and dialogues by children, voca and instrumental music and an interesting and instructing talk on the "Life, manners, language, etc., of the people of Persia and Turkey" by Rev. William R. Stocking, formerly missionary to Persia. Rev. Mr. Stocking also sang several songs in the Syrian language and gave the Mohammedan 'call to prayer,' appearing in the costume of a priest. His talk seemed all the more interesting for

his costume.
Arthur Smith has gone to Wilmington to work for John Gleason,

Sada Sturges of Brattlebora sp nt Christmas with her parents, Mr. and M. . A. C. Reed.

H. F. Drewesy spent Christmas at A. O. Reed's, L. E. Reed is on the sick list. Mrs. E. B. Fuller is quite sick with

pneumonia. Mrs, Mariah Fuller is quite sick at her son's, E. L. Fuller's.

THE FLIGHT OF THE YEARS.

Vainly we stretch our arms to stay their flight, So soon, so swift, they pass to encless night! We hardly learn to name them, To praise them or to flame them, To knew their shadowy faces,

Only once fair summer meets them, Only once the arking slory, Tells for them its mystic story. Only once the wintry heary Wears for them its robes of lighti-leave their work half done; like men, lea!

alss! With sheaves ungathered to their graves they

and are forgotten. What they strive to do lives for awhile in memory of a few, then over all oblivion's waters flow— Then over all oblivion's waters now.

The years are buried in the long ago!

—Julia C. R. Dorr.

JERRY'S CHOICE.

"Now, see here, Jerry," exclaimed Farmer Johnson to his man of all work, 'ye needn't git oneasy jest because old odgers hez offered ye a dollar a month more'n I'm payin ye. I reckon I've got about ez much money an kin afford to pay ye about ez much ez Podgers kin or mebbe little more. "Ye'r' a fust class worker, Jerry, I'll

admit that, an I don't want ye to be gettin dissatisfied or thinkin of diggin out, so I'll make a bargain with ye right now before we go any further. If ye stick to me an work ez well ez ye've bin workin right along fer the next two years, I'll pay yo the same as Podgers offered ye, an at the end of the two years I'll give ye the best critter on the place. Yes, siree, Jerry, ye kin take yer pick of ary critter on the hull place, from a sheep up to a horse, or even a giraffe or elephant, if I happen to have one of 'em on hand when it comes time to take yer choice.
"What d'ye say to that, Jerry? Is it a

bargainf"
"I'll do it," answered Jerry Brant

quietly, "and there's my hand to bind the bargain."
"That's the way to talk; that's jest what I wanted to hear." exclaimed Farmer Johnson, grasping Jerry's extended palm and giving it a hearty shake. "Now that biz'ness is settled satisfactory to all hands, an we kin pitch into the work with clear consciences.

No further mention was made of the bargain between Jerry and his employer until they were seated at the dinner table later in the day, and then Mr. Johnson, with a merry twinkle in his eyes, glanced ecross the table at his better fraction and

"Well, mother, I had to discharge Jerry an hire him over ag'in today.

"You seem to be in very good humor about it, so I judge the difference couldn't have been very serious," commented Mrs. Johnson, who used to be a Yankee school-ma'am before she married, and therefore did not handle the United States dislect with the offhand familiarity of her husband.

"Serious? Ye kin bet it is!" ejaculated Mr. Johnson. "Why, I've got to pay him \$1 a month more'n I did before, an at the end of two years, if he stays right along, he's to have his pick out of the critters on the place to take along with him an keep for his own. I expect he'll take a horse, but I can't help it. I wasn't goin to let old Podgers hire him away from me an then go around chucklin over it behind eack for the next six months." 'Mr. Podgers made an attempt to hire

him, did he?"
"Yes, an a purty nervy attempt at that. Offered him \$1 more a month, but I settled the matter in a hurry by pilin the

best critter on the place on top of that. But if he stays the hull two years I reckon he'll carn it, ch, Jerry?'' Jerry blushed, and answered that he would do his best. "Didn't you exempt my pony, papa? I

really can't think of allowing Mr. Brant to run off with that, even if he does earn it!" exclaimed Farmer Johnson's pretty 18-year-old daughter May, with a sidelong glance of admiration at Jerry's broad shoulders and manly features.

'Oh, Jerry wouldn't be mean enough to take the pony, I guess," interposed her father.
"No," said Jerry, "I don't want the pony—unless the rider goes with it," he

"Eh, what's that?" demanded Mr. John-on. "Unless what? I didn't ketch the

tail end of that remark exactly."
"Jerry's face turned crimson, and he was about to repeat his remark when the quick witted young lady came to the res-

"Mr. Brant"—she always called him by that title, because she considered it more becoming and dignified than Jerry-"Mr. Brant says he doesn't want the pony unless the bridle goes with it, I believe," she

explained ingenuously.
"Huh! I reckon a halter is all he'll get with her if he takes that pony. There wan't anything in the writin's about throwin in a bridle," said Farmer John-

throwin in a bridle," said Farmer Johnson.

"You needn't worry, father. I think Mr. Brant will be generous enough to spare me my pony," said May reassuringly.

"Yes, you may keep your pony," agreed Jerry, with an undisguised glance of admiration at the pretty face opposite him.

May's eyes fell before his, but not until they had flashed back a look that caused his heart to beat high with hope.

The fact of the matter was that stalwart, good looking Jerry had long admired his employer's handsome and accomplished daughter, but taday was the first time he had dared to let her know it either by look or speech. After that, how-

either by look or speech. After that, how-ever, their acquaintance rapidly ripened, and a few weeks later Jerry surprised Mr. Johnson by asking for the hand of his daughter in marriage.

Mr. Johnson was engaged in the pastoral occupation of milking a cow at the moment this question was sprung upon him, and he nearly fell off the stool in astonish-

"Want to marry my darter, May?" he gasped. "I guess not, young man! Not if the court knows itself. I've bin edyercatin her fer suthin higher than marryin ber father's hired man.'

"Oh, if that is the only objection, it can easily be removed," interposed Jerry. "I don't expect to remain anybody's hired man after my two years are up. I believe I told you when I came here that I had just graduated from college and intended to make the pursuit of agriculture my life business instead of going into medicine or law or any other of the already over-crowded professions. I believe a man with brains can put them to as good use and make as much money in farming as in anything else, and I propose to prove it. I am studying the practical side of the business now, and at the end of my two years I propose to go west and buy a ranch and

strike out for myself. As far as my education is concerned, I don't think I shall ever give your daughter occasion to be ashamed of me, and as to supporting her comfortably and in becoming style, I believe I shall be abundantly able to do so,

"Can't help that, Jerry!" broke in Mr. Johnson. "I hain't goin ter have ye lug-gin May off jest because ye two young folks imagine yo'r' in love. A woman is a mighty queer an onsartin sort of critter anyhow, as ye'll find out soon enough when ye git hooked up in double harness fer life with one of 'em. an it I was in yer for life with one of 'em, an if I was in you

yo've got yer eyes sot on at present. My darter is goin back to college next week to finish up her edycreation, an when she gite through her schoolin it will be plenty time enough fer her to commence thinkin bout the men. She'll forgit ye by that time fast enough, so ye might as well give up all hope right now of ever gittin her. I like ye well enough other ways, Jerry but I don't care fer ye in the role of so in-law. There, now, ye've got yer answer fair an square, an if ye want to stay an work out the balance of yer time we'll drop the love bizness right here an I'll grow the work out the balance of yer time we'll drop the love bizness right here an I'll grow the work out the work out the work of treat ye as well as ever. But if ye don't care to stay under the circumstances it is all right, an I shan't blame ye any fer 20in. Now, which is it to be, Jerry, stay or quit?"

"I'll stay," said Jerry quietly. And stay he did, performing his duties as conscientiously and thoroughly as ever, although the farm life suddenly grew for-did and dull when May went back to her college studies.

The months rolled swiftly around, how ever, as months have a habit of doing, until 18 of them had been crossed off the cal-endar of time. Then May, as bright and winsome as of old, came home with her dimples and diploma, and, though he did not even dure to look his admiration. Jerry was straightway transported to para-disc.

Jerry's term of service finally expired. and he regretfully announced that the time had come for him to strike out in life for himself.

"That's so, Jerry," said Farmer John-on. "I had clean forgot 'bout yet two son. years bein up today. Waal, I'll look over accounts an settle up with youfter dinner, an in the meantime ye kin be lookin round an sorter makin up yer mind which one of the critters on the place ye want. I believo ye was to take yer choice when ye quit."
"Well," said Jerry promptly, "it won't

take me long to make up my mind."

Here he stepped quickly across the room to where May was gazing disconsolately from the window and whispered a ques-

gether they faced her father "This is my first and only choice," exclaimed Jerry, with a ring of mingled pride and triumph in his tones.
"But ye can't do that—'tain't in the

"Just a moment, if you please, Mr. Johnson," interrupted Jerry Brant, drawing himself erect, with proudly flashing eyes and still retaining May's hand. "Haven't I heard you allude to the women as queer critters, consarned critters, plaguey critters, and I don't know how many other kinds of critters during the past two years and upward that I have been with you?"

"Yes, I s'pose ye have," acknowledged Mr. Johnson, "but—er"— "All right, sir," interposed Jerry brisk-

"You promised me the best critter on the place, and this is the one I want, and

for a moment, and then the latter feeling got the better of the struggle and he questy remarked: "Waal, a bargain is a bargain, an I

s'pose I'll hafter keep my word. But I say, young man," and Mr. Johnson's eyes twinkled mischievously, "don't ye think ye sorter missed yer vocation, not bein a lawyer instead of a farmer?"—Will S. Gridley in Chicago Record.

"Ha, ha, ha! Ho, ho, ho! By George!" howled Henry Dustling as he patted his little son's curly head. "You're a great boy! Let me kiss you! Oh, say, you know nore than some grown folks do now. Ha Best joke I ever heard, 'pon my

derment for a moment, and then he also began to laugh and clap his chubby hands. Henry Dustling held a magazine open at a page upon which was pictured an old woman who were spectacles and had a double chin. The father looked down at the picture again and emitted another roar

of happiness, which brought his wife and her mother to the scene. "What on earth is it that is causing you to make an idiot of yourself?" exclaimed his mother-in-law, while his wife tried to take the child out of his arms, fearing

and then at Henry Dustling, but he said nothing. He had become perfectly sober, and putting the little boy down upon the floor he sidled out of the room, steadily gazing into the eyes of his mother-in-law as a lion tamer gazes into the eyes of the king of beasts while backing out of the

cage.
Mrs. Dustling's mother was only 49 and was in many respects still a young woman.—Cleveland Leader.

The World's Tastes In Diamonds.

ed States and Russia take all varieties, but these are mainly the fields for the best, the finest bluish white crystals. Precious stones are a measure of opulency and the growth of fashion. The Ameri-cans imported \$120,000,000 worth in 24 years, but of these \$90,000,000 were in the latter half of the period. In the year 1889 they bought ten times as many as in 1869. The gems range in color from bluish and nearly pure white to blue, pink, yellow, orange, green and brown, while some are opaque. Taste has decided that the stones are most precious that are most translucent and brilliant. The largest diamond ever met with was found in Brazil, and an enthusiast valued it, by weight alone, at #224,000,000. But it was black and not brilliant. The estimates gradually sank to #400,000, and today it would probably not fetch nearly so much as the most modest count. Colored specimens do best in South America and the cast.—Kimberley Letter to London Telegraph.

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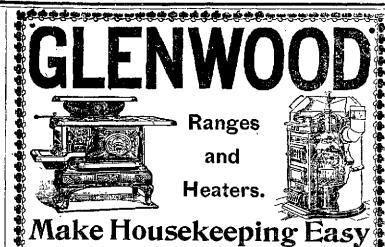
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My Dear Little Louise;-

So you are going to have a party, and want me to send you some rules for candy-making which shall result in delicious healthful sweets. Well, you want first of all to provide yourself with a quantity of confectioner's sugar, or the kind termed "powdered" at the grocers', a good grani'e ware kettle, and extracts, and with care and patience you will certainly have gratifying results.

Now in making candies, it is necessary to have the foundation cream, or what is sometimes termed French cream. For this take the white of an egg and add an equal quantity of water; stir in confectioner's sugar until it is stiff enough to mould into shape with the fingers and flavor with vanida. Now you are ready to make your "goodies," and one of the most delicious is

WALNUT CREAM. Carefully crack the English walnuts, so that the meats may be separated in perfect halves; then make a ball of the French cream about the size of a walnut, flatten it a little and press half a nut on either side of it. Place in a dish, which

has been sprinkled with powdered sugar. CREAM DATES. Select fine dates, rinse in cold water to remove particles of dirt, take out the stones with a knife, cutting only one side of the fruit. Make the foundation cream into oblong shapes about the size of the date and fold the fruit around the cream, letting the latter extend beyond the date at each end. These are easily made, are delicious, and not in-

Every one I believe is fond of caramels, and here is an excellent rule for

Take half a pound of chocolate, one and one-half pounds of sugar, one cup of milk, butter the size of an egg, two tablespoonfuls of vanilla and boil briskly for twenty minutes. Pour into a buttered pan about half an inch thick, mark off into squares when the mixture is hardening. When hard break apart and wrap each caramel in buttered or waxed

An exceptionally good rule is the following:

MOLASSES CANDY. Two cups of molasses, one tablespoon-

ful of sugar, beiled together until the mixture "threads." when dropped from a cold spoon just before taking from the stove, add a piece of butter the size of a wainut and a pinch of salt. Turn out on a buttered marble or pan and when partially cool pull the candy until it is white.

VINEGAR CANDY

is a favorite kind with children and her is a simple way of preparing it. Take three cups of sugar, one cup of vinegar, one cup of water and mix together thou oughly before putting over the fire, but not afterward. When it will "thread" remove from the fire, cool and pull until

Along in the line of molasses and vinegar candies comes the old-fashioned and toothsome

BUTTER SCOTCH.

One cup of brown sugar, one half-cup of water, six teaspoonfuls of vinegar, butter the size of a walnut, all boiled to-

Two cupfuls sugar, one cupful water, one-quarter of a teaspoonful cream tartar, two-thirds of teaspoonful vanilla. Boil until it threads. Pull until very white, and put in the vanilla while pull-

ing the candy.

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spoon on a buttered dish. PEANUT CANDY. One cup molasses, one cup sugar, one piece butter, size of an egg, one table-spoonful vinegar. Boil and when done,

stir in a teaspoonful of soda; stir

tered pan. I am sure you will find some of these candies just what you want for your friends, who will appreciate their being

> Yours cordially, COMFORT JONES, Doctor of Cookery.

LEMON PUDDING. Julce and rind of one lemon, one cupful sugar, two crackers rolled fine, yolks of two eggs, one cup milk. Beat whites to

PARSNIP BALLS.

Boll in salted water until tender. Mash and season with butter, pepper and salt. Add a little flour and two well-beaten eggs. Form into small balls and fry in

soap used in laundries. This will prevent your heel blistering. In Zululand, when the moon is at the full, objects are distinctly visible at as

All lovers are alike, and that is why they correspond.-New Orleans PicaULICATEN CROQUETTES.

Melt two triblespoorfuls of butter. Who not be obles and four heaping table-spoonfuls of heur and cook a little on one side of stove. However pent of milk and Hills at a time to the flour and melted butter, beat ng it thoroughly. Season with one-half teaspoonful salt, one-half salf-pocurul pepper and one-half tenspoontul celery salf. Chop the chicken as fine as possible, dark and light meat mixed, having four or five cupfuls when chopped. With the meat chop an onion size of walnut. Stir this into the cream sauce and let it cool. Shape between the hands into cones. Dip them into beaten egg, then in bread crumbs and fry.

> SOUTHERN PANCAKES.. (Mrs. Parker.)

Beat smooth four eggs, and half a pound of flour, melt four ounces of butter, add to the batter in which has been nixed a teaspoonful of Cleveland's bak ing powder with one ounce of sugar and half a pint of milk. Heat a frying pan very hot, grease, put in a spoonful of batter at a time, spread evenly over the surface, turn until brown on both sides.

VALLEY DEW PUDDING. One pint of milk, solks of two eggs,

three tablespoonfuls of cocoanut, onehalf cuj**rfu**l of rolled cracker crumbs, one teaspoonful of vanilla or lemon. Bake one-half hour. For the fresting add the whites of two eggs and two-thirds of a cupful of sugar. Put in the oven to orgivn. STUFFED EGGS.

Doil eggs hard, then cut open and take

out the yolks and chop them up fine. Mix with them a pinch of salt and pepper, a lutle vinegar and a little mustard. Fill the whites with this mixture, place upon a platter and garnish with lettuce.

CROUTONS. (Miss Wister.) Take stale bread in slices; remove the crust, cut in half-inch cubes, fry in very hot Cottriene for about half a minute take them out, drain and sprinkle with salt. Drop them into the soup.

LOBSTER SALAD

Cut the meat of two small lobsters into small pieces. Season with salt and penper, and pour over it enough mayoung se dressing to moisten well. Put in the middle of a platter, garrish with lettuce leaves, pour over the remainder of the dressing and put slices of boiled egg-and effves over the top.

CABBAGE SALAD.

One egg, one-third teaspoonful mustard, one-third teaspoonful pepper, one teaspoonful salt, one teaspoonful sugar one tablespoonful each of milk and butter, one-half cup vinegar, one-quarter cabbage, chopped fine.

IRISH STEW WITH DUMPLINGS. Take the remains of a roast of pork, or lamb, remove most of the fat, cover with cold water and let it simmer half an hour. Add one onion sliced thin, six potatoes cut into dice, salt, pepper and dumplings For the dumplings take a heaping cup of flour, a little salt, one teaspoonful of baking powder and milk enough to make thick dough. Cook ten minutes.

BUNS.

One and one-half cups of milk, onehalf yeast cake in one-half cup water, one cup sugar, flour enough to make a stiff batter. Let it rise over night, and in the morning add one-half cup butter, one-half cup sugar, one-half teaspoonful soda, flour enough to make it as stiff as bread. After second rising add a small cup of currents. Cut out and put 10 pans to rise before baking.

PANDOWDY,

Make a pastry as for ples and put in a shallow cake pan. Slice the apples and but in with a few shavings of salt pork, Add one cup sugar and one cup molasses. Roll the upper crust and add butter. NEPTUNE SOUP.

Take the liquor in which codfish has been boiled and add to each quart onehalf a teacup of taploca, a carrot, onehalf a head of celery, and a little pars-ley. Cut the vegetables up very small and boil until they are cooked. Then thicken this with flour; add pepper, salt and vinegar to taste, and serve with dry toast, cut in fancy shapes.



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When one by one the silent stately years Glide like pale ghosts beyond our yearning

Only once the glad spring greets them, Only once fair summer meets them,

place I wouldn't be in any hurry bout takin a yoke of that kind on my shouldors.

"Anyhow if ye insist on gittin married in spite of my warnin ye'll hafter pick out some other pardner besides the one

tion in her ear. For an instant her eyes met his. Then she rose with a smile, placed her hand confidingly in his and to-

agreement. I said critter, not wimmen folks, an I bain't goin to allow no such' —

the only one."

Farmer Johnson gazed at the handsome and smiling young couple before him in a half indignant, half indulgent sort of way

Little Edgar's Discovery.

Little Edgar looked up in childish won-

that he had suddenly lost his reason.

Then little Edgar pointed down at the picture in the magazine and said: "Dat's gamma." The two ladies looked first at the picture

Of course there is taste in diamonds. Countries like England, France, the Unit-

We've thought of all the people that give slippers

HARD CARAMELS.

gether for twenty minutes. Pour out thin in a buttered platter. ICE CREAM CANDY.

These are fine. Two cups sugar, one cup water; boil five minutes and then flavor with one spoonful of peppermint. Stir until thick; then drop from a tea-

then put in peanuts and pour into buthome made.

stiff froth and stir in last. Bake in a moderately hot oven.

If you are starting on a long walking tour, thoroughly soap the inside of your stocking heel with the common yellow

great a distance as soven miles. By star-light one can see to read print with

Where is hell? Under the earth—a place of darkness. Who live in hell? The devil, his angels and had men.

Do you deserve to go to hell?

SOMERSET.

in the spring.

William Sutton and crew have gone

Report is that Mr, Batey's wife is very

eady for travel. Christmas in Shelburne Falls. Miss Lurentha Hawker who has been

the Zoar school.

Bion Peterson came from New York

E. Glesson's well leaded with presents, and a happy time was passed.

BRINGING IN THE PLUM PUDDING.

WHAT KING TRUST GETS AS HIS SHARE.

-Boston Herald.

JUST A JOLLY.
Younghusband (humorously) - I wish I were single. Mrs. Y .-- You horrid thing! What

would you do? "Get married to you, darling."
"You dear man!"—Tit-Bits.

A 'TOAST.

Now here's a health to all the things Many a man is hocking

To get some other things to fill

A chubby little stocking.

TOO DEEP FOR HIM. Old Santa Claus he scratched his head

And stood and thought awhile; "I guess I'll pass the socks," he said.
"Till golf goes out of style." -Chicago News.

THE IDIOT.
Whenever you hear a girl refer to a man as an idiot, she is in love with him, and he is in love with some other girl,-Chicago News.



"Can't you give me a dime, mister?" pleaded the tramp. "I am a flood

sufferer.' "Here is the dime," said the citizen. "What flood do you mean?"

"Noah's. I lost a lot of relatives in that freshet." -New York Journal.

but the

NEEDED NOW, he exclaimed, "I thought "Why," you said the last time you had the dressmaker that you wouldn't need for three months!"

"I know I did, dear," she replied,
"but in going through my trunk today I found a piece of ribbon that will make a lovely sash, and I haven't anything to go with it,"-Chicago Record.

THE RUSH.
"I understand," observed the chade of Abednego, "that Pharaoh's daughter found you anchored to a bulrush. "Me?" responded the shade of

responded the shade of Moses, with some irritation. "No, in-deed. I came early to avoid the rush. That is to say"--

The shade of Abednego, however, was stalking moodily on.—New York

about it. One day an officer found

a soldier eating a persimmon that he had picked up and cried out to him, "Don't eat that; it's not good for you!" "I'm not eatin' it be-cause it's good," was the reply; "I'm tryin' to pucker up my stom-ach so as to fit the size of the, ra-tions Uncle Billy Sherman's a-givin us."-Argonaut.

WHY HE ATE IT.

While Sherman was "out in the nir" between Atlanta and the sea, rations sometimes got a little short;

THE LAST WORD.

Mrs. Gabb-If you will insist on making a fool of yourself, so ahead. I haven't another word to say.

Mr. Gabb—Glad to hear it, Maria. I'm surprised that your vocabulary wasn't exhausted a long time ago.— New York Journal.



WE ALL HAVE THE SAME CRAZE.



THE GRAND AH POOH BANG LEFT JAPAN THIS MORNING FOR KLONDIKE,



THE DEPUTY GRAND SUBVIZIER HAS LEFT TURKEY FOR THE GOLDFIELDS.



KING KOLLY WOLLY LEFT THIS AFTERNOON FOR KLONDIKE.

-Punch's Almanack.

TRUST.

It was after the first fall of snow of the season. "I wouldn't go sleighing with a man I couldn't trust," asserted the blond. "Trust which way?" asked the

brunette. "How do you mean?"

"To hug or not to hug," explained the bruncite.

The blond, however, declined to enter into specifications.—Chicago Post.

AN IDYL.

By Ouse's stream I met a maid, And what we whispered while we strayed.

And how and when and why-and yet

You'd better ask the maid I met; And who she was-well, here's a

-Pick Me Up.

clew---Nay, better ask the maid that too.

SATISFACTORILY EXPLAINED. Magistrate—You admit that you entered the house of the prosecuting

witness by the door at 2 o'clock in the morning? Prisoner—Yes, your honor.

Magistrate—What business had you there at that time of night?

Prisoner-I thought it was my own Magistrate-Then why did you. when this lady approached, leap through the window, jump into the

cistern and hide yourself?
Prisoner—Your honor, I thought it
was my wife—London Household

WHEN SHE LIKES A MAN.
When a girl likes a man, she amuses herself by wondering how he would look if she should suddenly put her hands on his shoulders and say, "Now I am going to kiss you," in a cool, authoritative tone.—New

York Press.

A NEW ONE.

The poet of the mounshiners is with us. He sings in the Whitsett Courier:

There ain't no money comin in, Because the 'still' did fall; My father will spend Christmas In the Atlanta jail.

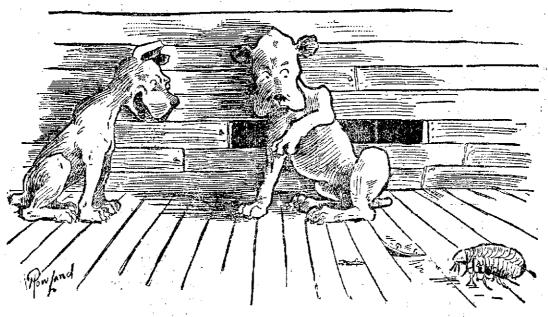
"It's hard to make a livin When guv'ment folks come gun nin, But if I live to be a man
I'll keep the old 'still' runnin!"

> A REGRET. As underneath The mistletce She stands, with oft Kissed cheeks aglow

-Atlanta Constitution.

She wipes away A falling tear, For Christmas comes But once a year.

New York Journal.



"OH, FREDDIE, HERE'S-WOW, FREDDIE, WOW-FLTA FOR YOUR LIFE!"

-St. Louis Republic.

SO EASILY DONE ON PAPER.



ther arranges for the destruction of the United States. --Chicago Record.

HS PLAN. completed your plan

on the business of the s senate? replied the newly elect-. "I have prepared a the subject which it will three days to deliver!"-ton Star.

 $\mathbf{MUTUAL}.$ lentleman-Are you lost, my

He Man (between sobs)-No. I but m-m-my muvver is, and ---cant find her.—Pick Me Up.

COMPARING NOTES. "What was the cutcome of the squabile between the soprano and the alto as to their volces?" asked the opera company manager. "I don't know," said the noor. "I left their sull comparing a res,"--Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

A TRAPE SECRET OFT.
"What is your list step in well,
fing a play?" asked the reports.
"I look around," replied the replaywright, rotal find a good copenter to collaborate with me." Philadelphia North American.



—Chicago Inter Occan.

-New York Journal.

DIVERGING VIEWS.

Brokerly (conciliatingly) Well, yes, the new typewriter is very good looking, it's true, but she's a very capable girl. Mrs. Brokerly (savagely)-I've no

doubt, Mr. Brokerly, that she's cacable of almost anything! And there the discussion stopped. -Town Topics.

BEST HE COULD DO.

"Uncle Jim, are you going to hang up your Christmas stocking?"
"Lord, boss, dey ein't been a stockin' in my family sence free-dom. De bes I kin do is ter nail up a guanner sack; en you knows right whar ter find it!"-Atlanta Consti-

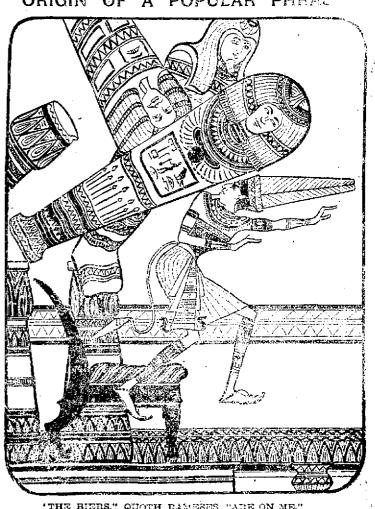
EVERY MAN TO HIS TASTE. hungry I can't see. I'm out of work Hard Hearted Lady-What is your

trade?

trade?
"I-I-well, I was a glass cate
a musee once."
"All right. You'll find exbroken bettles in the back you a good square meal. Help poor man."—Cincinnati Corn.

Tribune. FROZEN OUT OF CU. "I wish," muttered 1/200 ering in his narrow [101] of jamitor wasn't quite to all 1/20 as it yere, in the matter (), this room,"—Chiengo Tribal

ORIGIN OF A POPULAR PHRAS



"THE BIERS," QUOTH RAMESES, "ARE ON ME."

-New York Journal. "

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ADVERTISEMENTS UNDER THIS HEADING ONE-HALF CENT A WORD A DAY. ADVS. OF LESS THAN 20 WORDS THREE DAYS FOR 25 CENTS. NO CHARGE LESS THAN 10 CENTS.

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160 tf

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A cottage, 7 rooms, 36 East Quincy st. Mrs Emma Billings. A 7-room tenement. 50 Liberty st. 125 tf tenement at 12 East Quincy at, 7 rooms all heated. All modern improvements. In-quire S. J. Ellis.

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Reoms jurnished or unfurnished. Buth connected and all modern conveniences. Inquire 6 Hall st. 187 tf

Furnished rooms for gentlemen, with priv-lege of bath. Miss Mulqueen, 13 Center at Mead block, second floor. 35 150 t

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A girl for general housework. Apply at : Pleasant street.

Sor Sunfurnished rooms, Address H. A. Har-Call at the North Adams Employment Bureau, Room 7, Kimbell Block, Main street, for situ-ations or help. I want 5 general housework girls at once. I have on hand a good selec-tion of gooks, second girls, and remble men suitable as jantors, carc of horses or furnaces, Office hours 9 a. m. to 8 p. m.

LOST.

Metween 11 Houghton street and 14 Meadow street Saturday evening, n package contain-one white night shirt and cloth for two more, alse an ink well. Suitable reward for return to this office.

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Ata-Bargain—A few pairs of ladies' and misses' fine sample shoes in turn and Good-year welt. Apply at office of W. G. Cady's Holden st. factory. f 1823tx

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A pair of ladies' gold-bowed eye glasses. Owner can have them by calling at it E. Quincy st-proving property and paying charges. 152 3tx

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Livery and Feed Stables. Single and double teams. Conclues for functials and weddings. Four or six-horse teams for large or small parties. 72 Main st. Telephone 245-16.

J. H. Flagg.
Livery, Sale and Boarding Stable. Main street, opposite the Wilson House, North Adams. Nice coaches for weddings, parties and funerals. First class single horses and carriages at short no tee en reasonable terms. Also vil age coach to and from all trains. Telephone connection.

J. Cook. city Cab Service. J. Coon will run a first-class cab to all parts of the city from 1 p. m. to 1 a. m. Telephone 129-2.

Meaney & Walsh, Deglers in and cutters of Native and Foreign Granite and Marble. No. 19 Eagle street, North

Professional Gards.

VETERINARIANS. Dr. George E. Harder, V. S.

Arm. 2 to 4 and 8 to 10 p. m. PHYSICIANS.

C. W. Wright, M. D. Fye, Far, Nose and Throat. New Bank Block, Main street Attending kye and Ear Surgeon at hospital. Formerly dimical assistant at Central London Eye Hospital also Assistant Surgeon at New York Throat and Nose hospital. Glasses supposed fitted

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C. C. Hentn, M.D., Physician and Surgeon. Office and resi-Post-Office Block, Bank steet. Specialist is diseases of children and women. Office hos lo 11 a. m., I 10 3 and 6 to 8 p. m.

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John J. F. McLaughlin, D. D. S. Dental Pariors Collins Block Main street Crown and bridge work a specialty. Teeth extracted without pain. Office hours 8.50 to 12 a. m., 2 to {p, m., 7 to 9 p. m.

A. Shorrock, D. D. S. Dental parlors, Kimbell block, North Ad Office bours, 8,39 to 12 a. m., 1 20 5, and 7 p.m. Crown and bridge work a specialty. Taken a specialty. Taken without pain.

ATTORNEYS. W. B. Arnold.

Attorney and Counselor-at-law. Office, Room 3— Boland Block, Main st., North Adams. John E. Mageuis.

Attorney and Counselor at Law. Office Kimbell block, Main street, North Adams Louis Bagger & Co.

Patent Lawyers. Patents obtained on easy terms. Office, Washington, D. C. John H. Mack associate attorney in North Adams. Office 77 Main street. W... um II, Thatener,

Atterney and counsellor at law. Office Room of Kimbell Block, North Adams, Mass.

John H. Mack. Attorney and Counselor at Law. Office in the Borth Adams Savings Bank building, 77 Main st.

BRIDGE CONTRACT.

The City Gets the Forfeit and a First-Class Structure at Almost Half Its Cost.

The city has settled with the Berlin best and the bridge company gave the or-Iron Bridge company for the construction | der to the Carnegie Iron company. This of the Main street bridge. A letter, which | company was busy at the time and had explains itself, received from the company today reads as follows:

Letter Stating Settlement.

BERLIN IRON BRIDGE Co., East Berlin, Conn., Dec. 28, 1897.—MR. JAS. E. HUN-TER, Commissioner of Public Works, North Adams, Mass,—Dear Sir: The writer has explained to our president, Mr. Jarvis, all the facts in connection with your bridge, and begs to advise you that we accept your reduction of 83 days at \$25 per day, from the contract price of the bridge, and enclose you herewith bill made out accordingly. Thanking you and all the members of your city government that I have met for your courteous treatment, and trusting that our relation in the future may be of a pleasant nature, Yours truly,

THE BERLIN IRON BRIDGE Co., GEORGE H. SACE, Secretary.

Accompanying this letter was a bill, which credits the city with \$2,675, the amount of forieiture for 83 days at \$25 per day called for by the contract. The bill was:

\$4,989.00

2.075.00

Copy of Bill. City of North Adams, to Berlin Iron

To Steel Girder Bridge as per contract.

By 83 days delay at \$25

Bridge Co.

Balance. \$2.914.00 This settlement is exactly such as the city officials promised the people of this city it should be. It will be remembered that the city's officers were severely criticised because a forfeit clause was inserted in the contract instead of a bond being

required of the bridge company. Mr. Sage said to the city officials that the specifications for the bridge called for a special from and of a quality not commonly used. The quality was of the very

no iron of the kind in stock.

was necessary to make a special ot for the bridge and the Carnegie people were not able to fill the order in time. It was the waiting on the Carnegie people that kept the Berlin company from fulfilling the contract in contract time and Mr. Sage asked that the city officials take this into consideration and not insist on the bridge company paying for the delay that was caused by the Carnegie company.

This city was represented at the iron works by Mr. Stowell of Stowell & Cunningham of Albany, N. Y. Mr. Stowell and City Engineer Emigh of this city drew the specifications. The interests of the city were fully taken care of by the expert present at the iron works. He saw to the work at the furnace and watched the rolling and paid the closest attention to every step in the progress of the manufacturing of the iron and the bridge. The result is the fluest bridge ever turned out by the works. The company admits that and al concerned in the manufacture of the structure admit it also. The bridge is of such quality and workmanship that it is practically indestructable. It will last for a century.

Just how the city's interest was guarded in the making and the fulfilling of this bridge contract is shown in the care taken in having the work properly supervised at the mills and is proved in the admission of Mr. Sage with reference to the contract. Mr. Sage said to the officials that his company had submitted the contract to the best lawyers in Connecticut and that they had informed the company that there was no way to avoid its terms. The final outcome of the matter after the efforts of the bridge company to save itself is the best endorsement that the city officials could possibly receive.

L. L. BROWN HEARING.

A Monotonous Reading of Notes and **Expert Accountant Testimony.**

The hearing in the case of the L. L. Brown paper company against L. L. Brown was resumed Tuesday morning at the county commissioners' room before ex-District Attorney John A. Aiken of Greenfield as auditor, and there were in attendance as counsel City Solicitor Noxon of Pittsfield and W. H. Brooks of Springfield for the plaintiff company, and Lawyer C. Howard Williams and his son; Howard H. Williams, of New York and North Adams and Henry L. Dawes, Ir., for the defendant, Mr. Brown, President C. C. Jenks and Treasurer A B. Daniels for the company, and L. L. Brown, also a director, all of Adams, were

in attendance. A. E. Buss of Boston, the expert accountant, resumed his direct examination. The day was devoted to the examination of a large number of notes under one of the classes styled as "N," in the plaintif's exhibit, and aggregating about \$250,000, which were discounted by Mr. Brown. and credited to him personally and which the company has since paid.

Much of the evidence Tuesday went in

subject to Mr. William's exceptions, and the reading of the notes was quite mo. notonous from an outsider's standpoint Some of the other classes, or groups of items which are credits to Mr. Brown were admitted without dispute, so that this shortened the hearing and sent the case well along. Nearly 70 exhibits, mainly the notes in question, were identified and received in evidence. It is expected that Mr. Williams will begin the cross-examination Thursday if the case goes on as well today as it did Tuesday Some of the notes examined Tuesday were those where Mr. Brown had drawn them in favor of the company, but afterward the company paid them. The defense is awaited with much anxiety, as the examination is very routine and is altogether the testimony of an expert accountant upon what he finds by the books as to the amount of the paper placed on the market and other details. The defense admit the items on the books, but contests their accuracy. The case was resumed

S. Chester Lyon of Pittsfield, who has recently been engaged in newspaper work in Des Moines, Iowa, was in the city today.

this morning at 10.20.

POWNAL.

Thomas and Emma White are at home ver holidays.

David Thomas and femily were at Granville at their parents to celebrate Christ-

Mrs. Nelson Johnson supplies the place in the primary grade of school left vacant by the resignation of Miss Dean.

In a Christmas altercation between William Harris and his father-in-law. Frederick Pratt, the latter had his head cut open by an axe helve. Pratt's son, Frank, armed himself with a gun and threatened that some one should leave this mundane sphere but confined himself to shooting inammate objects as his fancy dictated.

The Santa Claus event of our village was the reunion at George Evans. Fourteen members were present from Adams, and photos were taken both at the table and out of doors.

The entertainment at the Bantist church the evening before Christmas and the tree on Monday at the M. E. building were very pleasant occasions, and the little ones did themselves proud in their performances.

The select school has clased.

Skates and jumpers at Darby's Eagle stre**ct** hardware store. Homan oysters in bottles at Braman's, of guaranteed freshness.

will meet Friday evening at the home of C. B. Jerome on Hudson street to play

Schubert orchestral club an overture which is dedicated to the new mayorsplendid production, although it is extremely difficult to play, and the orchestra has not yet fully mastered it. As soon as the players get it thoroughly in hand Mr. Gordon has lately composed two twosteps, one of which will be arranged for brass band, piano and orchestra. Some of Mr. Gordon's compositions will soun be published.

Charles Arnold, Miss Angelina M. Adams. Miss Sadie Cressy, Miss Thressa Griffin. Mrs. Samuel Guyser, Mrs. Hagerty, Miss A. Irwin, Miss Elsie Teran, Josephine C. Blanchard, Dane Beard, D. S. Browne, It does not attempt to show that Mrs. Matthewson, J. P. McGraw, Joseph Mur- trial. It then shows that the state did phy, Mr. Peckham, Charlie Pettitt, Geo. not introduce any proof to make it cerward Stone, How Tain, A. N. Webb & Co., | natural cause. Until they have proved Vincengo Beanco.

placed in its store a National cash registhey get \$1 worth will be entitled to a glass of soda. The register also shows the kind in the city.

The annex to Sunset Limited will resume service from New Orleans or January 4, 1898, leaving New Orleans every Tuesday and Saturday thereafter, making connection at that point with the limited train of the Southern Railway from New York and the East. The Limited will consist of Pullman latest, drawing room, sleeping car and Sunset Limited dining car. The southern rente is the most delightful this time of the year. The route lies south of the snow line, and is free from snow and excessive cold. Washington and Sau Francisco tourist sleeping car leaving Washington every Monday and Saturday goes through to San Francisco without change. For full particulars, sleeping our reservation tickets, etc.

ALEX, S. THWEATT,

Among the Merchants.

All regular Christmas goods, such as mufflers, handkerchiefs, neckwear, etc. are offered at "clean-out" prices at Cutting & Co's. It's clock-cleaning time and Welmore

of Eagle street will do guaranteed work at reasonable prices.

the following officers Tuesday evening N. G., L. A. Germain; V. G., Charles Harrington; secretary, F. E. Card: financial secretary, George E. Fisher; treasurer, George B. Welton; trustee for three years, Dr. F. R. Rice.

The members of the club pronounce it a it will be rendered in public, and is believed it will be enthusiastically received.

-The North Adams Drug company has ter which does more than the ordinary cash register. It registers the character of the article sold, the initial of the clerk making the sale, the consecutive number sale. The register turns out a check on which these things are printed, together with an advertisement of the company. and customers saving these checks till day and is the most complete thing of

'Sunset Limited' Annex from New

call on or address

Eastern Passenger Agent, 271 Broadway, New York

LOGAL INTELLIGENCE.

the old year out and the new year in.

-List of advertised letters at the North Adams postoffice, December 29, '97: Mrs. Sorel, Miss Della Webb, Mr. Blair?, Chas. A. Rogers, Jean Stowell, W. Smith, Ed- tain that she did not die from some such

is of course a possibility of O'Nell's innocence.

Another Reed Murder Rumor,

An ad, in THE TRANSCRIPT reaches the best buying public in Berkshire.

-The C. H. Cutting & Co. whist club

-Oneco lodge of Odd Fellows elected

-George Gordon has composed for the

Dr. Woodbridge is unwilling to have the details of his evidence published until he has learned whether or not O'Neil's attorneys wish to use it. The general of the sale for the day and the date of the argument, however, he is willing to have known. It shows that Mrs. McCloud might have died in an epileptic fit or convulsion, to which she was subject, or from strangulation, which medical evidence shows to have been possible under the conditions of her death. He shows the total amount of business done in a that either of these causes would have left all the marks which were found on the body. They are both very probable causes, and the state has not snown that that death did not result from one of them. The doctor does not give either of them as a necessary cause, but as possible In addition to this he shows that one

point in the condition of the body is directly opposed to the accepted idea of murder if the testimony given by the state at the trial is accepted. He also has strong evidence for putting doubt on the fact of her having been ravished.

dence. The details are close and conclusive. When presented they make a convincing argument that O'Neil may be innocent. Dr. Woodbridge does not believe him to be so necessarily, but thinks that his guilt has by no means been proven. He has given the details of these statements to a number of conservative men in this region, and all have agreed that the fact of the murder was made doubtful. Some who were strongly preudiced against O'Neil were convinced on hearing the evidence that it would be unus t to execute him in face of the doubt.

These are the general points of the evi-

Chief Kendall, Officer Jones and Sheriff

Moloney visited Savoy Tuesday to investigate a rumor in connection with the Reed nurder case, but nothing was developed to throw any light on the great mystery. Turkey minner.

The ladies of the Baptist church will

serve a turkey dinner in the dining room of the church, Saturday, New Year's day, from 12 to 2. Price 35 cents.

A PLEASING CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Commander Tower Surprised by a New Hope Held Out by Dr. Picture of President McKinley and Himself.

JUSTICE FOR O'NEIL

L. D. Woodbridge of

Williams College.

REASONABLE DOUBT OF MURDER

Will be Shown in a Detailed State-

ment of Expert Medical Testi-

mony to be Presented to

Governor Welcott

at Once.

A much stronger and more efficient

effort to save John O'Neil, Jr., from

hanging January 7, than has yet been

made since the sentence was given will

be attempted by Dr. L. D. Woodbridge of

Williams college, who will show to the

governor, either through O'Neil's at-

torneys or directly, that there is a reasonable doubt of the murder of Mrs.

McCloud, and therefore of O'Neil's guilt.

Dr. Woodbridge was present at the trial

of O'Neil in the interests of the defense,

and heard all the evidence which was

given. He is thoroughly convinced from

it that the state failed to prove absolutely

that Mrs. McCloud was mardered and did

not die a natural death. In his opinion

this doubt is so strong that it would be

unjust to allow O'Neil to hang, however

conclusive the proof of his connection

The reasons which lead the doctor, to

hold this belief did not all come out at the

trial for several reasons. What was

known at that time by the defense was

not all used on account of slight differ-

ences of opinion by the attorneys, and be-

cause there was general expectation by

them of disagreement and a second trial,

at which time this evidence could have

been presented in much better shape. In-

vestigations and study by Dr. Woodbridge

since the trial have also confirmed his

This evidence will be presented to the

governor as soon as possible in a hope

that—at least justice may be done. Dr.

Woodbridge said last night that if the

lawyers who had the case in charge did

not wish to use it, he should himself pre-

sent it to Governor Wolcott, either in per-

son or by letter. The action will have to

be taken by the last of this week or early

the next, as January 7 is the date set for

the execution. Dr. Woodbridge has not

yet beard from the lawyers what they in-

tend to do, but is firm in his determina-

tion to see that all possible efforts are

This effort differs essentially from those

being made by Mrs. O'Neil and the attor-

neys, who are trying to secure petitions

for a commutation of sentence which

many are signing through sympathy. Dr.

Woodbridge has no personal desire to see

O'Neil live except in the interests of jus-

tice. If he is guilty, the doctor has no

sympathy. But from an expert medical

point of view, he thinks there is enough

doubt, which was not brought out at the

trial, to warrant a commutation. Dr.

Woodbridge's testimony will have great

welght, since he is a recognized

authority on the subject. He has been

for a number of years professor of anatomy

and physiology at Williams college, and

is also a practicing physician. He holds

high rank in his profession, and has done

considerable in the line of original inves-

tigation. Some of his cpinions in this

case are based on original work which is

in his opinion so valuable that he intends

o present the results to the Barkshipa

Medical association in a short time. Some

of the work done on this case will form

an important addition to medical science.

will present is startling in its nature and

conclusiveness. It is especially sensa-

tional because at the trial the theory that

it was a murder was hardly questioned

conclusively that it was a murder, there

The evidence which Dr. Woodbridge

made to have justice done,

opinion that there was no murder com-

mitted.

with what was only a possible murder.

Commander Henry A. Tower of C. D. Sanford post received a Christmas gift which was entirely different from the ordinary kind, and which came to him as a great and very pleasant surprise. It came by mail from D. D. Bowen of Adams and is an excellent picture of President Mc-Kinley and Commander Tower. It was taken by Mrs. Bowen's daughter, Mrs. Henry L. Harrington of Adams, on the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of the Memorial building in Adams last September, when the president and his party were guests of W. B. Plunkett of that town. Mr. Tower had just been introduced to the president by Commander Mole of Sayles post, Adams, and Mrs. Harrington took a snap shot as the two men were standing. The others present were all seated and the picture of President Me-Kinley and Commander Tower is all that could be desired.

Mr. Tower did not know of the existence of such a picture until he received it Christmas morning with a letter from Mr. Bowen explaining how and by whom it was taken and reminding Mr. Tower that it might be prized by his posterity even more than by himself and family. Mr. Tower has written to Mr. Bowen, telling him of the great pleasure the gift occasioned, and veying through him to Mrs. Harrington his high appreciation of her skill, and her kindness in making a copy of the picture for him. Mr. Tower values the picture very highly and will have it enlarged.

TWO FRUITLESS BURGLARIES.

Cody's Furniture Store and Walker's Mill Entered Tuesday Night.

Two more burglaries were committed in this city Tuesday night, the places entered being Cody's furniture store on Eagle street and Walker's flour and grain mill at the foot of Main sir et.

Mr. Cody's place was entered by removing four lights of glass, with the sash, from a rear window behind an old house on North Church street. This led into a furniture storeroom on the second floor and the burglars left some dirt on the couches over which they passed when they entered. They went down stairs to the office and ransacked bookkeeper's desk. The money drawer was locked, but the drawer next below was pulled out and a large opeging was cut through the bottom of the money drawer. The drawer contained just one cent and that was not taken. Nothing was

missed from the store. When Mr. Cody closed up Tuesday night he could not lock the front deci from the outside. He consequently locked it from the inside and went out through a rear door. He now suspects that the lock may have been tampered with by persons intending to enter his store.

The burglary at Waiker's mill was peculier in one respect, there being nothing to show how or where the burglars entered or left the building. Nothing was taken so far as can be discovered. desk in the office was thoroughly ransacked, the papers being mixed and scattered in great shaps. The object of the search was money, without doubt, but none was found. The safe was not dis-

turbed. Both burglaries were reported to the po lice and efforts will be made to bring the offenders to light, but unfortunately the clews are very slight, owing to the fact that nothing is missed.

STATE DETECTIVE SERVICE.

Chief Wade of District Police on Increasing State Force.

There will be much local interest in the statements made Tuesday by Chief Wade of the district police. He realizes the inadequacy of the present force, which out of a total of 45 officers, has but 12 men now available for work. He thinks that this should be increased so that there would be expert detectives in each county who could be called upon at any time by local officers immediately on the occur-

rence of any crime or disturbance, Chief Wade thinks that there should be two state officers detailed to each of the four western counties, Berkshire, Franklin Hampshire. Hampden. There are now but two such officers for the four counties together. These men operate with local officers in a way that would greatly facilitate the protection of the smaller towns and rural districts. Chief Wade has several suggestions to make on methods of work for these men, and while he does not consider it his position to recommend an increase of his department, shows that he appreciates the needs of the state.

DIVORCE STATISTICS.

Interesting Figures Compiled by County Clerk Cande for the State.

County Clerk Cande reports to the state authorities that 37 divorce cases were disposed of in Berkshire county in the superior court during the year 1897; four were dismissed, leaving 33 granted nisi; 52 divorces have been entered during the year. There were 90 cases pending at the beginning of 1897, of which 33 had deerees nisi entered and the same number were made absolute. The causes were as follows: Cruelty, nine; intoxication, six; desertion, 16, and adultery, two. The length of time of couples living together after marriage was, the shortest one year and the longest 25 years, The average length of time of the divorced parties liv ing together after marriage was 91 years

Town Talk. The mission of Hood's Sarsaparilla is to

cure disease, and thousands of testimentals prove it fulfills its mission well. Jos. Hadded is exhibiting a rare collec-

tion of Turkish rugs and fancy oriental works from the East at 20 Eagle street. Please call and examine stock as he only will remain a few days.

THE RECOUNT HELD

And Mr. Cady is Still to be the Next Mayor of North Adams.

MAJORITY CHANGED BY THREE

Recount Ordered for Today by Special Council Meeting Last Night. Mr. Cady's Many Visits From Office Seekers.

The recount of the votes cast for mayor at the city election was held at the city hall this morning and resulted in the majority for H. Torrey Cady being cut down three votes, leaving it now 177 instead of 180. The changes are shown in the tables herewith given. The votes of Mr. Cady were reduced by two and the votes ior Harry R. Hamer were increased by one. The blanks were increased by one also.

The recount was made in the court room and began at 9 o'clock. It was completed a little before noon, According to the law the candidates are entitled to be present in person at the recount or to have their duly appointed representatives present. Mr. Cady left his interest entirely in the hands of the officials, taking no notice of the notification sent to him Tuesday evening. Mr. Hamer was more attentive in his way to his interests. He was not present personally, but was represented by Lawyer Parker, Mr. Parker kept close watch of the counting and made numerous entries in a note book. registers assisted by Treasurer Hardenbergh, C. A. Pike, W. F. Bennett and A. W. Chippendale.

Mr. Hamer has been very careful of his evening to take action on the petition for a recount. All of the councilmen of course were notified and Mr. Hamor received notification as well as the other members. his term not expiring until the end of the year. The meeting was called for no other purpose than taking action on the recount and Mr. Hamer took care to be was in his seat from which he has been absent for a number of meetings.

The council was called to order by Councilman Perry and he was chosen president pro tem. The business of the meeting was speedily transacted and the board of registers were notified to make the recount at the time and place at which it occurred. They were allowed the privilege of employing the necessary assistance. The recount took place without much interest being manifested in it. The opinion was that the result would not be materially different from the one given by the count on election day. This opinion was borne out. The only real difference that the recount made was the taking of \$100 or over from the city treasury to meet the expense of it. The results of the first count and of the

recount	follow:	,			
First Count.					
Ward.	Cady.	Hamer.	Blan		
1	126	207	9		
2	199	219	7		
8	273	241	11		
4	207	227	2		
5	+ <u>323</u>	- 167	3		
ô	295	197	5		
7	: 262	217	- 15		
	1685	1505	52		
Wher	e change o	ccurs.			
	Re	count,			

Cady.

Ward.

1	126	208	8	
2	199	249	7	
3	273	240	12	
4	207	227	2	
5	322	168	3	
6	295	197	5	
7	261	217	16	
	1683	1 506	53	
	Majora	ity.		
	First Count		Recount.	
Cady	1685		1683	
Hamer	1505		1506	
	100			
	180		177	

Hamer.

Blank.

Cady on Changes and Office Seckers Mr. Cady took the joking he received on the possibility of being defeated by the recount this morning very happily, went on with the bus mass which are already beginning to crowd upon him in anticipation of his assumption of office. In regard to the ramors of changes in the various departments of the city government he said there was absolutely nothing. The changes which have been prophecied he has heard nothing of, and there is no truth in the statements He will not begin to do anything in the way of changes, if there are any, until after his inauguration. He also knows little of the plans for that ceremony.

When Mr. Cady returned to this city

from Bridgeport he was immediately beet by the omnipresent office seeker. He had been in the city only 20 minutes when two men appeared at his hours to see bout offices under the new administration, and since that time he has had a steady stream of callers that has rivalled the White house visitors at Washington-In order to preserve his front doorsteps in good repair and to give himself some laisure time at home in which to attend to his inaugural address, he has decided to hold office hours for receiving these would be servants of the public. Mayor Houghton has offered him the use of the mayor's office in city hall, and Mr. Cady announces that he will be there from 9.00 to 12, and from 1.30 to 4.30 daily for the rest of the week.

DAVIS BRIDGE. Miss Etta Thaver spent Christmas as

her home in Charlemont. Ephraim Wheeler is gradually failing. Mrs. F. E. Davis bas been ill the past

week with a hard cold and cough. The Wheeler Bros. and A. J. Hull are shipping quantities of chair stock to Gardner and Winchenden this week, Remember the donation at the church

this Thursday afternoon and evening for the benefit of the pastor, Rev. H. E.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

James P. Magenis went to Boston yesterday afternoon.

Henry S. Lyons was in Boston today on business.
Mrs. W. C. Seeley of Utica, N. Y., is visiting O. Ottman and family.

John McCoffrey is visiting relatives in Hartiord, Conn.

Dr. J. J. F. McLaughlin is visiting his

parents in Clinton. Miss Maud A. Waters and Miss Irens Whipple of Adams were the guests of

Mrs. F. E. Willey Tuesday.

STAMFORD.

The Father Lights society will give an entertainment in the town hall next Saturday evening, January 1. Refreshments will be served. Admittance and supper 15

cents. A cordial invitation to all. There will be communion service at the M. E. church next Sunday morning. Frank Davis lost a valuable cow re

cently. Union services were held in the M. K. church Sunday evening. Rev. S. P. Hotaling preached. Dexter Bishop slipped and fell, putting

his shoulder out of joint Monday. Drs.

Bushnell and Nichols attended him. Christmas comes but once a year and our citizens showed their good sense by making the most of it. The exercises of both societies were pronounced by many as the best ever held here. The Baptis, church was well filled Friday evening considering the intensely cold weather, There would have been a great many more there had it been a comfortable night. The program "King Immanuel" was excellent and well carried out. Many dne recitations and dialogues were given The recount was made by the board of and the music was first class. The Methodist church was well filled Saturday night. The program of "Our Exalted King" was given in a very preeptable manner. The closing dialogue "On Earth Peace" was interest in the matter. A special meeting beautiful. Old Santa Claus was on a task of the city council was held Tuesday express train Friday evening which express train Friday evening which wouldn't stop for him and only that echo of his suronous voice was heard as he passed by, atthough the ample chimner was in readiness and expecting bis entrance. Sa urday night his train. showed up and he came in for few minutes laden with bells and presents, much to the joy and delight of the present to help make the quorum. He children. The Christmas tree yielded some very beautiful and valuable presents, among which was a clock given to the l'aptist church from an unknown lady file io. A nice large picture of the paster, Rev. S. P. Hetaling, was presented the church by himself. On Saturday evening our oldest people in town, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stafford, aged respective-

Card of Thanks. We wish to express our hearty thanks to our friends and neighbors who so kindly remembered us with such a substantial Christmas present. May they all

y 83 and 81 years, received a Christmas

gift of \$23.35 in money from their friends

and neighbors as an expression of their

sympathy to the worthy couple, knowing

low unfortunate the old gentleman has

been in being confined to his bed for over

four months with a broken leg. Rev. Mr.

Winans an I family also received a pres-

ent of a sum of money from the society.

be rewarded by the giver of all good gifts. LEWIS STAFFORD. MRS. MEHITABLE STAFFORD,

MRS. CHLOE M. BAKER.

MOXROE

A great number of people were out to see and to give and receive presents from relatives and friends. The places where all expected "Santa Claus" was the church at Monroe. Old Santa Claus came about n, m. It could not really be told whether he was a she or a he, having a very fine female voice, but revertheless the guest brought in a great half bushel basket full of oranges besides all kinds of funny ings for the little ones. This all, for there were two large spruce trees loaded with such pretty, useful and ornsmental presents that it would make an editor's mouth water. I need not mention any of the pretty things which hung upon those trees. Old Santa's wind got so short after giving away his basket follow things that he or she left followed by many good nights and many rousing cheers. Peace and quiet reigned over all. The night was so cold that many were not out at the church. Some stayed at home and had a Christmas tree of their owr. Among this number was Home Phelps and family. Mr. Phelps loaded a Monroe spruce tree with some half bushel of good things that would last his daughter Edna till 1898. But the old gentleman, Ava Phelps, gave to his son Homer a large book which is called "Biographical Review of the Leading Citizens of Franklin County" and which contains the Phelos family record. He also gave his daugh ter-in-law, Cora, a very nice sealskin muff and cape, besides a large parasol an-

WEST HAWLEY.

a dozen nice linen napkins.

Miss Amelia Sears of Boston is spending the holidays with her brother, Charles Miss Mary Peffers of Stoneham is visit

ing her sister, Mrs. Charles Stiles.

John Larkin of Charlemont is staying few days with his aunt, Mrs. Wihiam Brackett. Maud White, Edith Mason and Chris-

tine Mason of Concord spent Christman at Mrs. H. B. White's. Philip Hunt of Greenfield spent Christmas with his brother, Chester Hunt. Rufus Sears of Salem is at his home for

the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bowen and daughter and Miss Nora White, all of North Adams, are also guests at Mrs. H. R. White's. Clarence Hubbard has driven a well in

his cellar and is very bountifully supplied with water for his house. All persons interested in Socials, Musi-

cals, Dances, or other entertainments. public or private, are invited to consider the Grand Army Memorial Building. It has opera house with stage, waiting rooms, kitchen, dining rooms and elegant parlor. Terms easy. Apply to A. W. Fulton, Secretary, 57; Eagle street.